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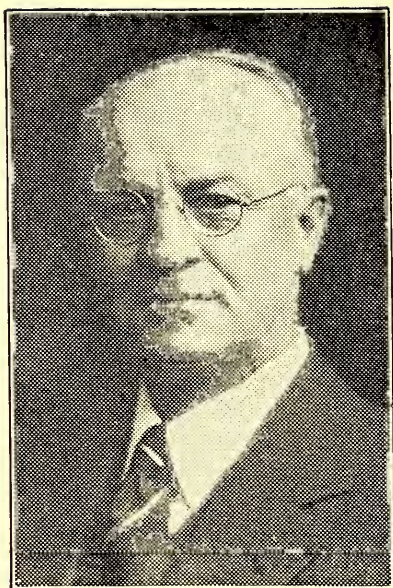
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I.

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II.

Boards, Commissions, Councils, and Committees

(For post offices see pages 68, 69, 95. Small letter abbreviations indicate officers.)

BOARDS OF CHURCH LOCATION

Asheville District—C. C. Benton, A. B. Dennis, W. H. Pless, J. H. Hampton, C. A. Hawkins, Charles Rhodarmer.

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BOARD OF STEWARDS

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North Carolina Conference Methodist Episcopal Church, South—W. J. Plint.

Western North Carolina Conference Methodist Episcopal Church, South—W. A. Parsons.

North Carolina Conference Methodist Protestant Church—C. C. Benton.

COMMITTEE ON HISTORICAL PROGRAM NEXT SESSION

C. M. White, W. A. Parsons.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Auditing—C. J. Winslow, J. M. Glance, E. W. Mills, Amasa Fulcher.

Evangelism—B. A. Culp, E. M. Graham, C. J. Winslow, W. T. Hawkins, J. O. Edwards.

Memoirs—J. M. Wall, A. B. Dennis, A. S. Beaman, J. R. Bowman, J. L. A. Bumgarner.

Minutes—W. H. Pless, J. J. Wood, E. P. Green, O. M. Vernon, J. H. Hampton, W. R. Jones.

Periodicals—F. F. Frisbie, D. H. Dennis, Amasa Fulcher.

Resolutions—D. F. Lowry, D. A. Bailey, S. J. Brawley, J. R. Bowman.

Social Service—J. J. Wood, Y. D. Poole, A. G. Frazier.

State of Church—Q. V. Amberson, C. K. Wright, O. M. Vernon.

Stewardship—J. L. Thornburg, T. M. Starnes, F. J. Greene, D. A. Bailey, R. C. Nimon.

Daily Proceedings

FIRST DAY

Misenheimer, N. C., Thursday, October 7, 1937.

Opening.—The Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in Pfeiffer Junior College, Misenheimer, today at 9 A. M., for its sixtieth annual session, with Bishop Wallace E. Brown presiding. The devotional service was conducted by Rev. M. W. Mann, of Ocracoke, who read the first chapter of 2 Timothy and made apt comment.

Roll Call (38)*.—The Secretary of the last session called the Conference roll. When the name of John S. Greene was called the Conference stood and Bishop Brown led in prayer. He had died recently.

Organization.—William A. Parsons was re-elected Secretary, W. H. Pless was re-elected Treasurer, and S. W. Johnson was re-elected Statistician. These officers nominated their assistants and they were elected as follows: Assistant Secretaries, E. M. Graham, J. J. Wood, J. R. Bowman; Assistant Treasurers, M. O. Fletcher, F. F. Frisbie, V. A. Morton; Assistant Statisticians, D. W. Haga, C. J. Winslow, E. W. Mills. E. M. Graham was elected Reporter to the secular press and Mrs. C. O. Newell to the Christian Advocate. The bar of the Conference was fixed to include the first six rows of seats. At his own request M. O. Fletcher was released from service on the Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors and J. J. Wood was named in his place. On motion of W. J. Plint, J. L. A. Bumgarner and R. F. Reynolds were re-elected to the Board of Stewards for the term ending in 1940. On motion of C. M. White, A. B. Dennis and B. A. Culp were re-elected to the Committee on Conference Relations for the term ending in 1940.

Drafts (10).—Bishop Brown presented a draft for \$324, regular dividend and one for \$60, Chartered Fund dividend, from the Board of Pensions and Relief. They were received with thanks and ordered paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Stewards.

Retired Ministers (42).—The names of the Retired Ministers were called. None were present. Their characters were passed and the Secretary was directed to send to each of them the greetings of the Conference.

Introductions.—The following ministers were introduced: Dr. C. N. Clarke, presiding elder of the Salisbury District of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; Rev. W. A. Newell; Rev. A. C. Swafford; Rev. M. W. Hackard; Rev. Walter Lanier; Rev. G. W. Clay; and Rev. W. S. Gearhardt. A few words of kind greeting were spoken by Drs. Clarke

* Numbers in parentheses refer to Disciplinary Questions, pages 63-67.

and Newell. Dr. H. J. Riley of the Board of Foreign Missions was also introduced. The Conference recessed until 10.25 A. M.

Communion.—Upon reassembling, Bishop Brown addressed the Conference upon Sacrifice as the best expression of Love. Assisted by the District Superintendents, Dr. W. J. Plint and Dr. C. C. Benton; and by the pastor, R. C. Nimon; the Bishop administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to the members of the Conference and the visitors.

Reports of Superintendents (34).—The characters of W. J. Plint and C. C. Benton were passed and each read a comprehensive report of his district. The characters of all the effective elders were passed.

Programs.—The printed program of this session was adopted, subject to necessary deviation.

C. M. White moved that the chair appoint a committee to prepare a historical program for some hour of the next annual session of our Conference, as that may be our last regular session. The motion carried. C. M. White and W. A. Parsons were appointed.

Commission on Unification.—The Commission on Unification of North Carolina Methodism was continued another year.

The Conference then adjourned.

Afternoon Session

Memorial (38).—Rev. J. M. Wall presided when the Conference re-assembled at 2 P. M. J. M. Wall read a memoir of John S. Greene. Loving tribute was paid by D. H. Dennis, A. B. Dennis, F. F. Frisbie, and S. N. Bumgarner. A memoir of Mrs. W. C. Matney was prepared by J. L. A. Bumgarner and W. H. Pless. C. M. White, A. B. Dennis, and J. M. Wall joined in the tribute.

The Bishop's Sorrow.—Bishop Brown resumed the chair. The Secretary told the Conference of the sorrow that had come to the Bishop today in the death of his youngest brother. Dr. M. O. Fletcher led in prayer. The Bishop expressed deep appreciation and spoke tenderly of his brother.

Statistics (4).—The roll of the charges was called and the reports of all the pastors were delivered to the Treasurer and the Statistician.

The Conference adjourned.

Second Day

Friday, October 8, 1937.

Worship.—Rev. Paul A. Barker conducted the opening service commenting on the twenty-second chapter of Luke and stressing the characteristics of the faithful minister.

Minutes.—The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read, completed, and approved.

Conference Relations (20, 21, 22, 23).—None have had their credentials restored. None have been received by transfer. The cases of M. L. ChapPELL, M. A. Matheson, and C. C. Williams were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for study and recommendation.

R. L. Phillips, an elder in the Church of the Nazarene, was introduced and referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Reception on Trial (24).—Albert W. Wellons, recommended by the Asheville District Conference; and Charles Walter Martin, recommended by the Statesville District Conference; both having been approved by the Board of Ministerial Training and by the Committee on Conference Relations, were received on trial in the Annual Conference and placed in studies of the First Year.

Continued on Trial (25).—Robert C. Nimon was advanced to the class of the Second Year and continued on trial. Lowell C. Stevens was advanced to studies of the Third Year and continued on trial.

Referred (40, 35).—M. W. Mann, a local elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was referred to the Committee on Accepted Supplies.

United Session (1).—The members of the Lay Conference came in. J. L. Thornburg, President; and Miss Mardecia Eaker, Secretary; came to the platform and made short addresses.

Dr. Patterson (5).—Dr. D. Stewart Patterson, of Washington, D. C., addressed the Conference on the progress of the Million Unit Fellowship Movement and its arresting challenge to all of us.

Fraternal Messages.—Dr. J. Elwood Carroll, of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church and Dr. C. B. Culbreth, of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, were presented and they brought messages of fraternity and confidence.

Communications.—The Secretary read a report of the Commission on Methodist Co-operation. This was received and ordered edited and printed.

The Secretary read extracts from the Report of the Book Committee. The Bishop called attention to the new plan of subscriptions to the "Christian Advocate."

Aldersgate Celebration.—W. A. Parsons, E. M. Graham, and V. A. Morton were made a committee to meet with similar committees from other Methodist conferences to plan for group gatherings for the celebration of the Aldersgate experience of John Wesley.

World Service Commission.—E. M. Graham was placed on the World Service Commission in place of W. L. Hart who has gone to another conference.

The Conference adjourned to meet at 12.45 P. M. Dr. C. B. Culbreth pronounced the benediction.

Afternoon Sessions

Broadcast.—The Conference met at 12.45 P. M. and listened to a program prepared under the direction of the Million Unit Fellowship Commission, which dramatized stirring incidents in the life of Bishop James M. Thoburn. The program was broadcast by Station WBT, of Charlotte,

without charge, and at the request of the Program Committee of the Conference. The Conference adjourned until 2 P. M.

Oral Reports.—Upon reassembling, Bishop Brown called the roll of charges and the pastors made oral reports, touching conversions, membership, World Service giving, and prorating.

It was brought out that there had been a gain of about \$1,200 in World Service giving.

After notices the Conference adjourned.

Third Day

Saturday, October 9, 1937.

Worship.—L. C. Stevens conducted the opening worship service.

Minutes.—The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved with some corrections and additions.

Executive Session.—On motion the Conference entered into executive session to hear and act on reports of the Committee on Conference Relations.

Full Membership (27, 29, 30).—John F. Wyatt was elected to full membership. He was also advanced to studies of the Fourth Year, conditioned on one examination and two collateral studies. He was elected to deacon's orders.

James R. Bowman was elected to full membership, graduated from the Course of Study, and elected to elder's orders.

Vance A. Lewis was elected to full membership and advanced to studies of the Fourth Year.

Elected Deacon (25, 31).—Lowell C. Stevens was continued on trial in studies of the Third Year and elected to be ordained deacon.

Continued (29).—Louie A. Lewis was continued in the class of the Fourth Year.

Elders (30).—H. H. Cash was graduated from the course of study and elected to elder's orders.

T. A. Coleman was elected to elders orders to be ordained elsewhere. The executive session then adjourned.

Continued on Trial (25).—William Y. Stewart was continued on trial in studies of the First Year.

Orders Recognized (40).—The orders of M. W. Mann, an elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, were recognized and he was referred to the Committee on Accepted Supplies. The orders of R. L. Phillips of the Nazarene Church were recognized as equivalent to the rank of deacon.

Accepted Supplies (35, 36).—The Committee on Accepted Supplies reported naming and classifying the accepted supplies. (The names and classifications appear in the Disciplinary Questions). The Report was received and adopted.

Transfers (37).—Bishop Brown announced the transfer of T. A. Cole-

man October 5, 1937, to the Iowa-Des Moines Conference, and the transfer of W. L. Hart January 1, 1937, to the Holston Conference.

Board of Stewards (9, 10, 11).—R. F. Reynolds, Treasurer, read the report of the Board of Stewards and it was adopted. Distribution was made of checks for the first half year. J. L. A. Bumgarner moved that the Board be instructed to set aside \$200 as an emergency fund. The motion prevailed. W. A. Parsons spoke of the faithfulness of Mr. Reynolds in the work of the Board of Stewards and his generosity in publishing the Methodist Herald. C. O. Newell moved that a resolution of thanks be spread on the Conference Minutes. The motion carried.

Tabular Reports (4).—The Statistician's Report was read by totals, received, and ordered printed.

The report of the Conference Treasurer was read by totals, received, and ordered printed.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions was read by totals, received, and ordered printed.

Fourth Year (29).—Carl K. Wright was advanced to studies of the Fourth Year.

Full Membership (27).—James R. Bowman, Vance A. Lewis, and John F. Wyatt, who had been elected to full membership, were called forward by Bishop Brown and were asked the questions prescribed by the Discipline for those coming into full membership. The Bishop then led the Conference in prayer for them.

Individual Reports.—C. C. Benton moved that pastors be required to make reports of individual churches next year, and that the regular report be refused when not accompanied by these individual reports. The motion was carried.

Notations (40).—The following notations were ordered made: L. H. Thompson should have been recorded in the 1936 Minutes as transferred to the Iowa-Des Moines Conference. William Y. Stewart should have been recorded in the 1936 Minutes as continued on trial in studies of the First Year. The name of E. M. Graham should have appeared in the roll of Effective Ministers and the name of L. C. Stevens in the roll of Probationers in the 1936 Minutes.

Next Session (19).—R. C. Nimon invited the Conference to hold its next session at Misenheimer. This invitation was accepted with thanks and by unanimous rising vote.

The Conference then adjourned to meet at 2 P. M.

Afternoon Session

Devotional Service.—H. H. Cash conducted the devotional service. At the close of this service the Conference joined in singing at the request of Bishop Brown, "I'm Going Home to Die No More."

Ministerial Training (12).—Paul A. Barker was appointed to the Board of Ministerial Training in place of W. L. Hart, transferred.

J. J. Wood urged that four hours be given the Board of Ministerial Training for their meeting the day before the next session opens.

Paul A. Barker moved that each charge be requested to pay for the support of the Summer School at the rate of one dollar for each one hundred members or fraction thereof. (This money should be sent to Rev. C. M. White, Candler, North Carolina, before June 1, 1938.) The motion was agreed to.

World Service Commission (5).—The report of the World Service Commission was read by C. O. Newell. The report was adopted.

Apportionments (5, 15).—C. C. Benton moved that the apportionment for Conference Claimants this year be an amount equal to seven per cent of the pastors' salaries, not including house rent (six per cent where no parsonage is provided). This was agreed to.

E. M. Graham moved that the apportionment for District Superintendents be ten per cent, calculated in the same manner. This was accepted.

Committee Reports.—The report of the Committee on Evangelism was read by B. A. Culp. The report of the Committee on the State of the Church was read by Q. V. Amberson. The report of the Committee on Periodicals was read by F. F. Frisbie. The report on the Committee on Auditing was read by C. M. White. All these reports were adopted.

Methodist Herald.—R. F. Reynolds having agreed to continue publication of the Methodist Herald if 500 subscribers can be secured, opportunity was given for persons to say how many subscriptions each one would be responsible for. A total of 539 subscriptions was thus pledged. T. W. Bryant moved that December 1 be set as the time before which these subscriptions should be paid. The motion carried.

Epworth League Council (17).—C. M. White nominated the members and officers of the Epworth League Council for next year. They were elected.

Young People's Work (4).—Paul A. Barker asked for the printing of several items of the reports concerning Young People's Work. It was agreed that the items called for would be printed if he would compile them.

Officials, Committees, etc. (17).—W. H. Pless was elected Treasurer for the session of 1938, S. W. Johnson was elected Statistician, and W. A. Parsons was elected Secretary.

On nomination of C. M. White, A. B. Dennis was elected Trustee of Tennessee Wesleyan College.

C. M. White moved that the Boards and Committees of the Conference be re-elected subject to revision by the Cabinet. This was done.

Woman's Home Missions.—Mrs. R. C. Kennedy was introduced. She requested the ministers and laymen to attend the program of The Woman's Home Missionary Society to be presented immediately.

Retired Relation (42).—D. W. Haga made request for the retired relation to the Conference. This was granted. His case was also referred to the Conference Stewards.

Minutes.—On motion of C. M. White the Minutes of the sessions of today are adopted without reading.

On motion of C. M. White the Minutes as approved from time to time are made the official journal of the Conference.

The Conference then adjourned.

Fourth Day

Sunday, October 10, 1937.

At 10.30 A. M., Bishop Brown ordained as deacons John F. Wyatt and Lowell C. Stevens and with the assistance of several elders he ordained as elders James R. Bowman and Howard H. Cash.

At 12.15 P. M., after the morning sermon, Bishop Brown called for the report of the Committee on Resolutions. The report was read by J. R. Bowman and was adopted by the Conference.

Then Bishop Brown made some observations about the work of making appointments, counseled co-operation of pastors and people, then read the appointments for the new year and the Conference stood adjourned without a day.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that on Sunday, October 10, 1937, at Misenheimer, North Carolina, pursuant to the action of the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I ordained as

Deacons: John F. Wyatt and Lowell C. Stevens, and assisted by several Elders, I ordained as

Elders: James R. Bowman and Howard H. Cash.

Wallace E. Brown

Presiding Bishop.

Done at Misenheimer, North Carolina.

October 10, 1937.

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing is the Official Journal of the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in its sixtieth annual session, held at Misenheimer, North Carolina, October 7 to 10, 1937.

Wallace E. Brown

President.

William A. Parsons

Secretary.

IV.

Disciplinary Questions

A. UNITED SESSIONS

1. Who are the members of the Lay Conference present, and who are its officers.

(See Miscellaneous Section, page 91, for list of members.)

President: J. L. Thornburg, Huntersville, North Carolina.

Secretary: Miss Mardecia Eaker, Bessemer City, North Carolina.

Treasurer: Miss Mardecia Eaker, Bessemer City, North Carolina.

2. Is the Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirements of the Discipline?

It is.

3. What Officers and Persons holding Moneys, Funds, etc., are Bonded and in what Amounts, According to the Requirement of the Discipline?

None.

4. What are the Statistical and Financial Reports for the year?

(a) From the Statistician. See Statistical Report.

(b) From the Treasurer. See Treasurer's Report.

(c) Other Items. See following reports.

5. (a) What are the Items and Aggregate of General Conference Benevolences Apportioned to this Conference?

World Service, \$6,156. Episcopal Fund, \$770. General Administration Fund, \$167. Total, \$7093.

- (b) What amounts are fixed by this body as the minimum goals for General Conference Benevolences for the ensuing year?

World Service, \$5,568. Episcopal Fund, \$668. General Administration Fund, \$167. Total, \$6,403.

6. What Reports and Exhibits are presented by Conference Boards and Institutions?

None.

7. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?

See Treasurer's Report.

8. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?

No Report.

9. What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?

For Annuity distribution 355 years, multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of \$8.50 a year.....\$3,018 00

For Necessitous Distribution..... 209 00

Total\$3,227 00

10. (a) What has been received on these Claims?

From the Book Concern.	\$
From the Chartered Fund.	\$ 60
From Board of Pensions and Relief.	\$ 324
From Annual Conference Investments.....	123 00
From Pastoral Charges.....	1,649 00
From Other Sources.....	220 00

Total\$2,421 00

(b) How has it been Applied?

See Report of Conference Stewards, page 76.

11. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants?

\$2,148.

12. What are the Items and Aggregate of Annual Conference Benevolences approved by this body for the ensuing year?

For Conference Minute Fund, \$303.

For Support of Summer School, \$139.

13. What approved financial campaigns are to be carried on in this Conference during the ensuing year, and for what amounts?

None.

14. What is the schedule for Minimum Support?

Not fixed.

15. What are the approved claims for the support of District Superintendents, Bishops, and Conference Claimants for the ensuing year?

District Superintendents, \$3,070. Bishops, \$668. Conference Claimants, \$2,148.

16. What shall be the Evangelistic and Religious Educational Plan for the ensuing year?

Co-operation of pastors and congregations in Evangelistic Services, Emphasizing the Aldersgate Experience, Young People's Institute.

17. What Standing Committees shall be appointed by this body?

See Boards, Commissions, Councils, and Committees. Page 54.

18. What other items of business shall be considered by this United Session?

None.

19. Where shall the Next Session of the Conference be held?

Misenheimer, North Carolina.

B. ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION

20. Who have had their Credentials Restored without readmission to the Conference?

None.

21. Who have been Received by Transfer and from what Conference?

None.

22. Who have been Readmitted?

(a) After Voluntary Location. None.

(b) After Involuntary Location. None.

- (c) After Restorations of Credentials. None.
- (d) After Withdrawal. None.
- (e) By Judicial Procedure or by General Conference. None.

23. Who have been received on Credentials and from what Churches?
None.

24. Who have been Received on Trial?

- (a) In Studies of First Year.
Charles W. Martin, Albert W. Wellons.
- (b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule.
None.
- (c) Exempt from Course of Study under Seminary Rule.
None.

25. Who have been Continued on Trial?

- (a) In Studies of First Year.
William Y. Stewart.
- (b) In Studies of Second Year.
Robert C. Nimon.
- (c) In Studies of Third Year.
Lowell C. Stevens.
- (d) In Studies of Fourth Year.
None.

26. Who have been Discontinued?

None.

27. Who have been admitted into Full Membership?

- (a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.
John F. Wyatt.
- (b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.
James R. Bowman, Vance A. Lewis.
- (c) Elected to be Ordained elsewhere.
None.
- (d) Ordained Deacon, having been previously elected by . . .
Conference.
None.

28. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?

- (a) Admitted into Full Membership.
None.
- (b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.
None.

29. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?

Louie A. Lewis, Vance A. Lewis, Carl K. Wright, John F. Wyatt
(conditioned).

30. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?

- (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.
James R. Bowman, Howard H. Cash.
- (b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.
None.
- (c) Elected and Ordained Elders Under the Seminary Rule.
None.
- (d) Elected to be Ordained elsewhere.
Theodore A. Coleman.
- (e) Ordained Elder, having been previously Elected by . .
Conference.
None.
- (f) Ordained elsewhere under our Election.
None.

31. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?

- (a) As Local Preachers.
Lowell C. Stevens.
- (b) Under Seminary Rule.
None.
- (c) Under Missionary Rule.
None.
- (d) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.
None.

32. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?

- (a) As Local Deacons.
None.
- (b) Under Missionary Rule.
None.
- (c) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.
None.

33. Who have been left without Appointment to Attend One of our Schools?

None.

34. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?

This was strictly done in open Conference.

35. Who are accepted as Supply Pastors?

W. E. Armstrong, T. W. Bryant, M. L. Chappell, L. W. Hall, Thomas H. House, M. W. Mann, Finlay MacKichan, Robert L. Phillips, T. E. Pierce, H. H. Shaw, J. W. Smith, Mrs. E. C. Whitson, L. R. Wood. (For orders see list on page 95.)

36. (a) What Accepted Supply Pastors now in charge are taking**I. The Conference Course of Study?**

- 1. In the First Year.
Thomas H. House, Finlay MacKichan, Robert L. Phillips, J. W. Smith.
- 2. In the Second Year.
None.
- 3. In the Third Year.
T. E. Pierce.
- 4. In the Fourth Year.
Mrs. E. C. Whitson.

II. The Local Preachers' Course of Study?

- 1. In the First Year.
None.
- 2. In the Second Year.
None.
- 3. In the Third Year.
None.
- 4. In the Fourth Year.
None.

(b) Was the Character of each Accepted Supply Pastor now in charge examined?

It was by the Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors.

(c) I. Are the District Committees on Qualifications of Local Preachers nominated by the District Superintendents approved?

They have not been nominated.

- (c) II. What Local Preachers have completed satisfactorily the studies prescribed?
1. For Deacon's Orders.
Lowell C. Stevens.
 2. For Elder's Orders.
None.
37. Who have been Transferred and to what Conference?
T. A. Coleman, Iowa-Des Moines, October 5, 1937.
W. L. Hart, Holston, January 1, 1937.
38. Who have Died?
John S. Greene.
39. Who have had their Conference Membership Terminated?
- (a) By Voluntary Location.
None.
 - (b) By Involuntary Location.
None.
 - (c) By Surrender of the Ministerial Office and Credentials.
None.
 - (d) By Judicial Procedure.
None.
 - (e) By Withdrawal.
 - (1) To Join the Ministry of another Church.
None.
 - (2) From the Ministry.
None.
 - (3) From the Ministry and Membership of the Church.
None.
 - (4) Under Complaints or Charges.
None.
40. What other personal Notations should be made?
- (1) M. W. Mann was recognized as Elder, having been such in Methodist Episcopal Church, South.
 - (1) R. L. Phillips was recognized as Deacon, having been such in Nazarene Church.
W. Y. Stewart's name should have appeared last year as Continued on Trial in Studies of First Year.
41. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?
None.
42. Who are the Retired Ministers?
A. S. Beaman, W. L. Carter, D. W. Haga, R. P. Jones, F. R. Lowry, W. A. Patton, W. G. Warren, D. J. White
43. Who have been granted Leave of Absence?
None.
44. Who are the Triers of Appeals?
Q. V. Amberson, D. A. Bailey, D. L. Earnhardt, V. A. Morton, C. J. Winslow.
Reserves: S. N. Bumgarner, D. W. Haga.
45. What institutions and organizations are approved by three-quarters vote of the Conference for appointment of Ministers in the Effective Relation with Annuity Claim?
None.
46. Where are the Preachers Stationed?
See list of Appointments, page 68.

V.

Appointments

(All post offices are in North Carolina except those otherwise designated.)

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

District Superintendent, C. C. Benton (4), 27 South French Broad Avenue, Asheville.

Charge	Pastor	Post Office
Asheville.....	(To be supplied).....	97 Ashland Avenue, Asheville
Asheville Circuit.....	D. H. Dennis, 1.....	R.D. Route 2, Asheville
Bakersville.....	H. H. Cash, 1.....	Bakersville
Bessemer City.....	A. W. Wellons, 1.....	Bessemer City
Bessemer City Circuit.....	C. J. Winslow, 4.....	R.D. Route 1, Bessemer City
Boone.....	E. H. Spencer, 1.....	Newton
Canton.....	L. A. Lewis, 1.....	31 Newfound St., Canton
Canton Circuit.....	W. H. Pless, 7.....	Newfound Road, Canton
Casar.....	E. P. Greene, 2.....	Vale
Clyde.....	(To be supplied).....	Clyde
Etowah.....	(L. W. Hall), 1.....	Etowah
Franklin-Sylva.....	J. R. Bowman, 1.....	Franklin
Hickory.....	S. N. Bumgarner, 3.....	R.D. Route 3, Hickory
Kings Mountain.....	W. A. Parsons, 4.....	Kings Mountain
Lansing.....	(M. L. Chappell), 2.....	Lansing
Leicester.....	J. R. Kirby, 1.....	Leicester
Marion.....	J. F. Wyatt, 2.....	R.D. Route 2, Marion
Linville-Montezuma.....	C. W. Martin, 1.....	Montezuma
Murphy.....	(To be supplied).....	Murphy
Newton.....	E. M. Graham, 2.....	127 W. 15th St., Newton
Pisgah.....	C. M. White, 2.....	Candler
Pine Mountain Parish.....	L. C. Stevens, 3.....	R.D. Route 1, Trade, Tenn.
Saint Paul.....	V. A. Lewis, 1.....	Hamptonville
Shooting Creek.....	P. A. Barker, 3.....	Shooting Creek
South River.....	C. O. Plyler, 5.....	R.D. Route 5, Statesville
Temple Hill-Smith's Chapel.....	J. L. A. Bumgarner, 3.....	Wilkesboro
Tipton Hill.....	H. H. Cash, 1.....	Bakersville
Traphill.....	D. L. Earnhardt, 1.....	Traphill
Wilkesboro.....	J. M. Wall, 1.....	R.D. Route 1, Wilkesboro
Zion.....	(R. L. Phillips), 1.....	R.D. Route 5, Statesville

Special Appointments with Methodist Episcopal Church, South. A. B. Dennis, 200 Montford Avenue, Asheville, North Carolina, member of Asheville Quarterly Conference. C. O. Newell, Crabtree, North Carolina, member of Canton Quarterly Conference.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

District Superintendent, W. J. Plint, 1008 Fifth Street, Statesville.

Charge	Pastor	Post Office
Ararat.....	(T. W. Bryant), 18.....	Ararat
Eureka-Parkville.....	(To be supplied).....	R.D. Route 2, Elizabeth City
Harkers Island.....	(T. E. Pierce), 3.....	Harkers Island
Harmony-Mitchell.....	Y. D. Poole, 2.....	Harmony
*Hatteras.....	(To be supplied).....	Hatteras
Huntersville.....	F. F. Frisbie, 1.....	R.D. Route 1, Derita
*Lexington.....	(To be supplied).....	R.D. Route 6, Lexington
Marshallberg.....	C. W. Guthrie, 2.....	Marshallberg
Midway.....	E. W. Mills, 2.....	Kannapolis
Misenheimer.....	R. C. Nimon, 2.....	Misenheimer
Morehead City.....	W. Y. Stewart, 4.....	Morehead City
Morehead Circuit.....	(T. E. Pierce), 3.....	Harkers Island
Mount Mitchell.....	E. W. Mills, 2.....	Kannapolis
Ocracoke.....	(M. W. Mann), 2.....	Ocracoke
Palestine-Chandler.....	D. A. Bailey, 1.....	R.D. Route 2, Albermarle
Parmele.....	M. O. Fletcher, 5.....	Washington
Pembroke:		
Bethel.....	(J. W. Smith), 5.....	Pembroke
Bladen.....	D. F. Lowry, 17.....	Pembroke
Pinebluff.....	Q. V. Amberson, 2.....	Pinebluff
Portsmouth.....	(H. H. Shaw), 2.....	144 Pinners Ave., Portsmouth Va.
Statesville.....	S. W. Johnson, 4.....	1033 Boulevard, Statesville
Surry.....	S. J. Brawley, 4.....	R.D. Route 2, East Bend
Troy.....	C. K. Wright, 2.....	Troy
Walkertown.....	J. J. Wood, 4.....	Walkertown
Whaleyville.....	(To be supplied).....	R.D. Route 1, Whaley, Va.
Winston-Salem.....	B. A. Culp, 5.....	2830 Glenn Ave., Winston- Salem
Winston Circuit.....	V. A. Morton, 5.....	R.D. Route 3, Winston-Salem
Yadkin.....	S. J. Brawley, 4.....	R.D. Route 2, East End

* Supplied by pastor of Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

VI.

Reports

(a) DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

Bishop Brown, Brother Pastors, and Laymen of the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference:

I submit this my third annual report as superintendent of the Asheville District with gratitude to God for any gains which may have been made in the churches this year. The pastors are to be commended for the faithful service which they have rendered, which has resulted in some marked gains, as their reports will show.

It is expected that the pastors' reports will show an increase in amount paid for ministerial support of nearly one thousand dollars over that of last year. World Service giving has been increased nearly seven hundred dollars over last year. Our pastors and churches are becoming more missionary-minded as a result of the Million Unit Fellowship Movement. It is hoped that every church school will become a "World Vision" school next year.

Property improvements and reduction of property indebtedness has been made on the following Charges: Asheville, Asheville Circuit, Bessemer City Circuit, Canton, Canton Circuit, Casar, Franklin-Sylva, Kings Mountain, Lansing, Leicester, Linville, Murphy, Newton, Pisgah, Shooting Creek, Saint Paul, Temple Hill.

Due to the fact that several pastors have revised membership records it is feared that a loss will be shown in membership for the District as a whole. Several churches, however, will show an increase in church membership. We regret that a decrease in church-school enrollment will be shown. This is due in part to pastors being unable to secure correct reports from local church schools.

There has been entirely too much indifference toward organizing our young people. Pastors need to take more interest in the church schools and Epworth Leagues. Some pastors have allowed the Epworth League to be discontinued in their churches.

Every pastor is urged to use the commemoration of Aldersgate to emphasize evangelism among his people. The little book "The Upper Room" should have a wide distribution among our people. We need also to give attention to our Christian Advocate, and get it into as many homes as possible.

It is hoped that the boards of stewards in the local churches will take into consideration the mounting prices of living commodities when they set the claim for pastors, as the average salary for pastors in the Asheville District at present is less than \$450 a year. Several pastors have increased their World Service and other claims through the Lord's Acre projects.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. BENTON, District Superintendent.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

Dear Bishop and Brethren:

We dedicate this our fourth annual report to Him who has not only loved us and given His life for us but has comforted, strengthened, and brought us safely thus far. To Him be the praise and the glory for every achievement and advance made during the year.

The Million Unit Fellowship, so wisely conceived and fraught with such vast possibilities for spiritual endowment, has met with a generous response wherever and whenever adequately presented. One pastor, using the five covenants as basis for five special sermons, reports not only subscription "in full" for all the units asked of his charge but tells us of a deepening of spiritual values in the lives of his people. This is true in every case and we regret that some of the brethren have failed to appreciate the fact. We were asked to raise 221 units; we regret that only 192 have been subscribed. Just how many have been paid "in full" we do not know. However, sensing the true spiritual value of this, we believe God inspired movement, we dedicate ourselves to a continuation of effort until our goal is not only reached but as far as possible every member is enlisted.

Someone has described money as "coined human energy." Thus, in giving of our gifts, we are giving that which represents the fruit of our hands or brains and in a real and vital sense are giving ourselves and offering ourselves through our money for the salvation of the world in answer to God's command "Go ye into all the world." Thus we become in the words of the Apostle Paul, "a reasonably, holy, and living sacrifice." We rejoice in the gains made by World Service and note with delight that the Chattanooga Area leads in percentage gains but regret our per member giving is very near the bottom.

Our charges are becoming more and more self-supporting. We do not suppose there is a single charge in our Conference which has not at some time received Missionary Aid in the support of its ministry. Today, only nine charges on the Statesville District receive aid. Do not misunderstand us; this does not mean that any charge is paying its pastor an adequate support. There is not a pastor who should not receive much more than he is now receiving. It does mean that our laymen are realizing more each year not only the needs and rights of their pastors but are seeing more and more their spiritual obligations and privileges towards the goal of an adequate support. However, we should not delude ourselves. We fear that from a lack of a proper income we are not recruiting men for our ministry. Nor are Accepted Supplies available. Due to the fact that our charges, many of them isolated, cover large spaces, we are not able to consolidate.

We once heard a sheep rancher say, "We must care for our sheep or we will have no wool; but we must care for our lambs or we will soon have no sheep." Work among our young people should receive larger attention. Our Sunday-schools are not only not what they should be but are not what they might be. In many places religious education among young folks is only a part-time affair. We do not offer censure but we would offer suggestion. Our Sunday-school, our Epworth League, and other religious educational efforts should be doubled and in many cases multiplied many times.

Our Epworth League Institute at Misenheimer was a delight and a spiritual inspiration. We would that our attendance was greater. In the name of our young people we thank Doctor Parsons, President Sharp, and all others who provided so excellently for us this year. Let each pastor and every League rally more fully to their support the coming year.

Pfeiffer Junior College, where we are now assembled, is going on. This year a new science hall. God bless Pfeiffer and her wonderful corps of workers. But brethren, Pfeiffer cannot go on without our help.

With the exception of the home of Brother Mills, whose wife has been very sick but who we are glad to say is better, health in our parsonages has been exceptional this year, for which we all thank our Heavenly Father.

Changes in personnel have been few. Immediately after Conference, Brother Chappell was changed from Lexington to Lansing. Our Supply at Palestine withdrew early in the year. In June another Supply was forced to retire to a sanitorium for mental treatment. Adjustments were duly made and the work has gone forward, not as we might have wished but with a measure of success.

Brother T. W. Bryant has added a new church to his charge, built, paid for, and dedicated within the year. Repairs have gone on quietly but steadily. Since our report is already lengthy we will leave our pastors to report these.

The call of the hour is "forward." "Forgetting the things which are behind," following closely in the steps of our Saviour we look yonder. Our opportunities are without number. To bring men to see more clearly, to understand more fully, to follow more completely the teachings of Jesus. To love Him supremely. Herein lie our privileges. To be laborers together. We can do all things through Him. Pray for us as we pray for you. Working together may we in devotion to Him who is our Leader accomplish much for His honor and glory during the days just before us.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. PLINT, District Superintendent.

(b) REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

We your Auditing Committee have audited the financial records of C. C. Benton and W. J. Plint, District Superintendents; R. F. Reynolds, Treasurer of Conference Board of Stewards, and found them correct. Also Secretary W. A. Parsons and Treasurer W. H. Pless and found them correct.

October 9, 1937.

C. M. White, J. Marvin Glance, E. W. Mills, Amasa Fulcher, Auditors.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

Never before has it been as easy to do evil as it is today, and possibly never has evil worn a cloak of such high respectability as it does today, when many people, many times appear to regard it as smart to do wrong.

We need an evangelism, therefore, that gets back to the fundamentals, emphasizing a faith that produces personal holiness, purity in thought, speech and conduct, with a confident reliance upon God at all times.

This must begin with the preacher and his family and go on to the Official Family of the Church and to the entire membership, until the non-Christian community will say of the church, "They are the Friends of God."

We must know that the non-Christian community and especially the young people are not going to be persuaded of the Value of the Christian Way until they see the value of it in the people who profess to be "in the Way."

May we as preachers and laymen then believe that Evangelism, or Revived Religion must begin with us and hence, from us go to the uttermost parts of the earth, and to this end may we most fervently pray.

As we are now approaching the two-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Methodism in the heart warming of John Wesley let us as members and friends of the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference make this the greatest year in the history of our Conference for a heart warming among ourselves and the ingathering of precious and immoral souls.

B. A. CULP
EDWARD M. GRAHAM,
C. J. WINSLOW,
IRA L. EDWARDS,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

As the Church of Christ faces this hour of destiny she proclaims Christ or chaos. A choice must be made. To the church has been committed the Everlasting Gospel, the only gospel adequate for the hour. The church accepts this Gospel and assumes the responsibility for building the kingdom of God in all the world and in all relations of this present complex civilization.

There are many problems of social, economic, political, and international life which tend to discourage the church. They may bring a world tragedy. The future seems to be crowded with ghost-like appearances. The church desires to see and understand these problems; and to take some action in regard to them. The question is, "Can the church save the world?" The answer is, "It can if it will." All things are possible to them that believe. The church accepts the challenge to save a lost world in the name of Him who is the Head of the Church.

There are some things coming to pass within the Christian church today, things for which we thank God and take courage. A few of these are: The definite and dominant spiritual emphasis which undergirds the

Million Unit Fellowship Movement, the spiritual hunger for God, the awakened interest in God's work, a renewed passion for souls, the Preaching Mission sponsored by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the trend toward unity, co-operation and federation among the Protestant churches in the state, the nation, and the world, the longing for a sense of security, the coming of Aldersgate observance, and a clearer understanding of the implication of Christian stewardship. Back of these and in them all is the Eternal Christ. Through Him the Christian church envisions a Christian world. The true Church of Christ, although conscious of its weakness, has a victorious faith in Christ. He is the only hope—the way, the truth, and the life. The church dedicates herself to Him and to His purpose. In His name the true Church of Christ goes forward.

Q. V. AMBERSON,
C. K. WRIGHT,
O. M. VERNON,

Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS

Paramount in our lives is the devotional reading of the Word of God; we urge this. Also we urge that by the observation of Advocate Day we seek to place our church paper in all our homes, and that the Methodist Herald be included in this observation. Urge parents to provide spiritual culture for their homes with Christian literature. We urge that all our church schools use our own literature which is admitted to be the best. We urge the use of The Upper Room in our family devotions.

F. F. FRISBIE,
D. H. DENNIS,

Committee.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

With grateful hearts to Almighty God for His unmerited favor and blessings, and with renewed determination and courage to press the battle against the hosts of sin and unrighteousness in this present world:

Be it resolved by the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference now in session at Misenheimer, North Carolina,

First—That we thank our beloved Bishop Wallace E. Brown for his gracious and brotherly attitude in the administration of this Annual Conference. We tender to him and to Mrs. Brown the sincere sympathy of the Conference in the death of his brother.

Second—That we tender a vote of thanks to Drs. E. J. Hammond, D. Stewart Patterson, I. S. McElroy, H. J. Riley, Jesse L. Murrell, and Mrs. Grace Sloan Overton for the note of optimism and challenge in their addresses to this session.

Third—That we express our sincere appreciation to Mr. R. F. Reynolds for his personal sacrifice and labor of love in making possible our Conference organ, The Methodist Herald, for so many years. We are happy that the ministers and laymen of the Conference are pledging their support in the form of subscriptions should he continue its publication.

Fourth—We wish to express our thanks to Rev. Edward M. Graham, the Conference Reporter, the Charlotte Observer, and other members of the Associated Press for their splendid co-operation in publishing reports of the daily proceedings.

Fifth—That we thank the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Statistician, and other Conference officers for their faithful labors.

Sixth—That we request the Secretary of this Conference to forward to the President of the United States a resolution drawn up by the Resolutions Committees of both the Lay and the Annual Conferences, thanking the President for past efforts in behalf of World Peace, and petitioning him to continue to use his power and influence as the Chief Executive of this great nation for this Christian objective.

Seventh—That we express to Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Nimon, Dr. W. S. Sharpe, the Faculty and Student Body of Pfeiffer Junior College, and the people of this community our appreciation of the exceptionally fine entertainment provided the laymen and ministers of this Annual Conference, and of their cordial invitation to return to Misenheimer for the 1938 session.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. BOWMAN,
S. J. BRAWLEY,
D. A. BAILEY,
D. F. LOWRY,

Committee.

COPY OF THE LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT

To His Excellency the President of the United States:

The Blue Ridge-Atlantic Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in session at Misenheimer, North Carolina, sends greetings.

Whereas, we the American people have not fully recovered from the effects of the World War; and

Whereas, you have been making every effort to preserve peace among the nations of the world, which we deeply appreciate;

Therefore we the Ministers and Laymen of the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference are asking you as Chief Executive of the United States to continue to use your influence and the power of your office to prevent a recurrence of the terrible catastrophe of war.

(This was signed by the President and Secretary of the Conference.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORLD SERVICE

It is with deep gratitude to God for his great love, spirit, and wisdom that have led us as a church to new victories in the missionary cause that this report is given. The fervor and devotion that was so manifest at our Conference one year ago did not die but grew like yeast in our local churches. Nearly every charge shows an advance. An increase of one hundred units has been made (which amounts to 50% increase). Forty per cent of the advanced goal has been reached and only a small per cent of our membership has helped in this gain.

"Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward," is an appropriate command for a very great advance. We accept our Conference quota of 464 units.

As a committee we recommend the following forward program:

1. The cultivation of the field of new givers in an every-member canvass. (At time of every-member canvass for ministerial budget.)

2. Appointment in every church of a World Service committee—one which has a missionary spirit of loyalty and enthusiasm, in order that the movement be not merely a "preacher movement."

3. Special advances to be made by churches of large membership.

4. An educational program for missions consisting of informing our people through posters, "Christian Advocates," other religious literature, devotional programs in church schools, missionary projects such as the "Lord's Acre."

5. The observance of anniversary dates such as Christmas, Lincoln's Birthday, Easter, the planned observance of Methodist Women's Day, November 9, and the nation-wide Methodist dinner on March 2.

6. Undergird with meditation and prayer the whole program until we recognize that we are co-operating with God in Christ for a cause and kingdom that is more important than our crops or salaries.

In Christ's name and in God's fear let us remember that we shall everyone give an account of our stewardship to Him who said "Inasmuch as ye did it unto me."

C. O. NEWELL, Chairman.

(c) CONFERENCE STEWARDS' REPORT

Receipts

Brought Forward	\$220 00
From Board of Pensions and Relief.....	324 00
From Chartered Fund.....	60 00
From Interest on Investments.....	56 39
From Interest on Balance.....	20 85
From "Advocate-Journal" Fund.....	46 00
From Pastoral Charges.....	1,694 00

Total.....\$2,421 24

Disbursements

To Ministers:		
Annuity.....	\$764 00	
Relief.....	79 00	
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To Widows:		
Annuity.....	617 00	
Relief.....	93 00	
	<hr/>	710 00
To Children:		
Annuity.....	44 00	
Relief.....	36 00	
	<hr/>	80 00
To Board for Clearing House Debit.....	262 00	
Emergency Fund Set Up.....	200 00	
Expenses Board of Stewards.....	33 24	
Carried Forward.....	293 00	

Total.....\$2,421 24

The Board of Pensions and Relief is holding \$1,611.00 in Endowment Funds for this Conference. Interest this year was at the rate of 3½ per cent.

R. F. REYNOLDS, Treasurer.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS' DISTRIBUTION TO CLAIMANTS FOR
YEAR 1937-38

A. S. Beaman.....	\$212 00	Mrs. P. M. Locklear.....	\$32 00
W. L. Carter.....	75 00	Mrs. D. M. Matheson.....	5 00
R. P. Jones.....	90 00	Mrs. J. F. Matney.....	60 00
F. R. Lowry.....	28 00	Mrs. L. G. Penley.....	60 00
W. A. Patton.....	150 00	Mrs. J. B. Tucker.....	80 00
W. G. Warren.....	60 00	Mrs. J. S. Greene.....	75 00
D. J. White.....	100 00	Mrs. Austin Wilson.....	40 00
D. W. Haga.....	128 00	Elizabeth Wilson.....	20 00
Mrs. J. L. Dennis.....	96 00	Inez Wilson.....	20 00
Mrs. J. H. Fine.....	50 00	Austin Wilson.....	20 00
Mrs. J. M. Fowler.....	90 00	Lillian Wilson.....	20 00
Mrs. J. H. Gillespie.....	122 00		

Total Distributed to Claimants.....\$1,633 00
Annuity Paid this Year.....4 00

(d) CIRCUIT REPORTS—INDIVIDUAL CHURCH STATISTICS

Asheville District—1937

CIRCUITS (Churches)	PAID (Rents not included)					CHURCH SCHOOLS			PROPERTY	
	Pastor.....	District Superintendent.	Bishop.....	Conference Claimants.....	World Service...	Full Members...	Average Attendance.....	Expenses.....	Church Values..	Debt.....
ALTAMONT:										
Altamont.....	\$125	\$12	\$3	\$9	\$11	66	34	\$29	\$1500	.....
Forest Home.....	7	3	.....	2	.....	35	25	12	500	.....
ASHLAND:										
Green Valley.....	65	6	2	2	1	145	40	6	1120	.....
Martin's Chapel.....	25	1	.....	2	1	47	20	1	1014	.....
Rock Creek.....	29	4	.....	2	2	40	40	5	450	.....
Roundabout.....	53	5	1	5	5	35	.....	.....	338	.....
Little Laurel.....	16	.....	1	1	2	57	.....	.....	395	.....
Big Laurel.....	46	4	.....	1	2	13	35	6	1130	.....
Roaring Fork.....	7	1	.....	1	1	20	35	5	337	.....
Pleasant Hill.....	5	1	.....	1	5	13	.....	.....	338	.....
Laurel Springs.....	7	2	1	1	1	23	45	4	.....	.....
Snyder's Chapel.....	3	2	.....	1	1	28	42	4	.....	.....
Walnut Grove.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	5	.....	.....
BAKERSVILLE:										
Bakersville.....	110	11	.....	.....	23	61	39	24	1000	.....
Bethlehem.....	25	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	13	1200	.....
Glen Ayre.....	21	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1500	.....
Red Hill.....	32	3	.....	.....	.....	126	40	21	2000	.....
Tipton Hill.....	43	4	.....	.....	6	64	55	26	8000	\$20
Tipton Chapel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	.....	.....	.....	.....
BESSEMER:										
Smyrna.....	166	16	4	12	40	46	24	12	1500	.....
Mount Olivet.....	150	15	5	10	9	42	20	10	1000	.....
Penley's Chapel.....	126	13	3	9	13	69	29	47	1000	.....
Sunshine.....	150	15	4	10	.....	73	25	20	1500	.....
Golden Valley.....	75	7	2	5	.....	64	32	6	1000	.....
BOONE:										
Friendship.....	97	10	.....	.....	15	50	25	6	1500	.....
Liberty.....	38	7	.....	.....	11	64	46	4	1300	.....
Bethel.....	70	7	.....	.....	8	46	30	7	1000	.....
Piney Grove.....	30	.....	1	.....	.....	53	25	7	1000	.....
Rich Mountain.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	200	.....
CANTON:										
Arnon Plains.....	300	30	6	21	29	118	72	82	3500	.....
Beaver Dam.....	100	10	2	7	7	59	44	26	3000	.....
Long's Chapel.....	156	16	3	11	24	102	40	32	2500	.....
Morning Star.....	500	50	10	35	10	190	132	128	29000	.....
CASAR:										
Reep's Grove.....	268	27	6	19	20	199	84	40	2000	.....
New Home.....	100	10	3	7	3	93	35	10	500	.....
Big Hill.....	14	1	.....	1	.....	22	.....	.....	500	.....
Ledford's Grove.....	20	2	1	1	.....	24	.....	.....	500	.....
Ferrell's Chapel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500	.....
CLYDE:										
Clyde.....	185	18	4	13	48	125	105	38	4000	35
Cruso.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	500	.....
Inman.....	25	2	1	2	.....	25	30	8	1800	.....
Maggie.....	60	6	2	4	.....	51	30	14	2500	.....
Meadow Grove.....	25	2	1	2	.....	13	30	10	300	.....
Piney Grove.....	125	12	3	8	12	66	35	20	1500	.....
Peachtree.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	5	100	10
ETOWAH:										
Boiling Springs.....	35	4	.....	.....	2	23	30	8	500	.....
Dana.....	55	5	.....	.....	5	56	35	8	1500	.....
English Chapel.....	48	.....	.....	.....	2	55	35	10	500	.....
Etowah.....	28	.....	.....	.....	9	58	12	4	1500	.....
Fanning Chapel.....	51	6	38	15	5	1500

(d) CIRCUIT REPORTS—INDIVIDUAL CHURCH STATISTICS

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CIRCUITS (Churches)	PAID (Rents not included)					CHURCH SCHOOLS			PROPERTY	
	Pastor.....	District Superintendent..	Bishop.....	Conference Claimants.....	World Service....	Full Members...	Average Attendance.....	Expenses.....	Church Values..	Debt.....
FRANKLIN:										
Louisa Chapel.....	\$77	\$4	\$1	\$5	\$12	77	25	\$8	\$1000	.....
Gillespie.....	59	10	1	3	5	87	25	3	700	.....
HICKORY:										
Mount Bethel.....	300	30	7	21	44	136	95	30	5000	.....
Union Grove.....	15	2	1	2	1	20	20	4	500	.....
LEICESTER:										
Highland.....	37	3	1	2	6	17	25	20	1900	.....
Leicester.....	600	60	15	42	73	206	70	113	9000	.....
Payne's Chapel.....	134	13	3	9	12	60	40	19	1800	.....
Robinson's Ch.....	76	7	1	5	10	61	33	13	1000	.....
Oak Grove.....									400	.....
LINVILLE-MONTEZUMA:										
Linville.....	200	21	4	14	12	140	70	54	2000	\$200
Montezuma.....	19	2	1	1	1	51	25	12	2000	.....
Johnson's Ch.....	14	2		1	1	45	95	66	500	.....
NEWTON:										
Newton.....	750	75	19	52	144	324	251	194	3000	30
Shiloh.....	300	30	7	21	48	122	77	60	3000	.....
PISGAH:										
Brown's View.....	70	7	2	4		108	80		1500	23
Davis' Chapel.....	100	10	2	7	7	127	35		2200	.....
Piney Mountain.....	200	20	5	14	14	109	109		2700	.....
Reeves' Chapel.....	50	5	1	3		90	40		1500	13
SHOOTING CREEK:										
Culbertson.....	18	2		2	1	13			800	.....
Hampton Memorial.....	87	6	1	5	25	49	38	30	2000	.....
Reed's Chapel.....	44	3	1	2	4	33	35	16	1150	.....
Unaka.....	21	4	1	2	1	28			800	.....
Hickory Grove.....	12	4	1	2	2	24	45	16	800	.....
Ledford's Chapel.....	10	2	1	1	1	35			500	.....
Marshall Chapel.....	40	3	1	3	3	44	25	12	1225	.....
SAINT PAUL:										
Saint Paul.....	129	13	3	6	3	95	45	12	3000	.....
Asbury.....	175	17	4	12	33	138	50	15	3000	.....
Wesley Chapel.....	50	5	1	3	2	56	30	7	3000	.....
Mountain Grove.....	50	5	1	3	6	63	35	8	2000	.....
SYLVA:										
Thomas Chapel.....	20	2				15			500	.....
Wesley.....	21	2			3	12	25	11	500	.....
Worley's.....	30	1			12	15	25	15	500	.....
TEMPLE HILL:										
Temple Hill.....	75	7	2	5	10	119	40	20	2500	.....
Smith's Chapel.....	50	6	1	4	6	61	50	5	1500	.....
TRAPHILL:										
Traphill.....	65	7	2	6	2		15	10		.....
Antioch.....	24	3			8		50	10		.....
Union Hill.....	50	5	1	3						.....
White Rock.....	48	2	1	3	1					.....
Charity.....	20	1					50	20		.....
WILKESBORO:										
Arbor Grove.....					8	101	95	50	1400	.....
Dunkirk.....						5			900	.....
Eschol.....						60			200	.....
Friendship.....					23	92	90	51	1700	.....
Oak Grove.....						15			300	.....
ZION:										
Friendship.....	200	20	5	14	14	128	55	20	2500	.....
Mountain View.....	145	13	8	9	11	121	35	10	2100
Sandy Ridge.....	39	3	1			56	30	8	1500
Fairmount.....	190	19	4	13	11	118	37	10	2100

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Statesville District—1937

CIRCUITS (Churches)	PAID (Rents not included)					CHURCH SCHOOLS			PROPERTY	
	Pastor.....	District Superintendent..	Bishop.....	Conference Claimants.....	World Service...	Full Members.....	Average Attendance.....	Expenses.....	Church Values..	Debt.....
ARARAT:										
Ararat.....	\$143	\$13	\$3	\$10	\$36	8	20	8	\$3500	
Blackwater.....	15	2	1	1		44	30	6	1500	
Mountain View.....	26	2	1	1		28	44	4	1000	
Maple Grove.....	15	2				9	26	4	1000	
EUREKA-PARKVILLE:										
Eureka.....	66	7			10	37	40	19	1500	
Pleasant Grove.....	8	2			3	6	25	9	200	
Parkville.....	8	2				6			400	
HARMONY-MITCHELL:										
Harmony.....	200	25			12		35	36	6000	
Mitchell.....	203	23	6				45	40	3000	
New Union.....	125	12			6		33	32	2500	
Chestnut Grove.....	75						45	32	1000	
HUNTERSVILLE:										
Asbury.....	725	73	18	44	168	160	115	60	4500	
LEXINGTON:										
Bethany.....	125	10	2	2		151	60	25	1400	
Fairview.....	29	2				12	15		1000	
Burnett's Chapel.....	16	2			2	6	20		700	
Robbin's Chapel.....	10	1				4			600	
MISENHEIMER:										
Misenheimer.....	200	20	5	14	95	36	73	71	1500	
Matton's Grove.....	135	13	3	9	33	79	45	21	1500	
Bethlehem.....	200	20	5	14	44	66	46	40	1500	
PALESTINE-CHANDLER:										
Palestine.....	300	30	7	16	38	150	240	60	2700	
Chandler's Grove.....	104	4	1	3	40				1500	
Hillsboro.....	26					26			250	
PEMBROKE-BETHEL:										
Bethel.....	47	4	1	2		19	36	7	800	
Pleasant Grove.....	40	4	1	2		40	25	8	700	
Sampson Memorial.....	36	3	1	2	2	23			800	\$190
Hopewell.....	34	3	1	1		21			800	
Sandy Plain.....	54	5	1	3		47	17	10	800	
PINEBLUFF:										
Pinebluff.....	517	51	13	36	121	77	45	83	12600	
Eagle Springs.....	103	10	2	7	24	55	26	13	1000	
Ashley Heights.....	65	7	2	5	15	29	22	13	2500	
SURRY:										
Pine Hill.....	78	7	2	4						
Level Cross.....	68	6	1	4						
Stanford.....	35	3	1	2						
TROY:										
Troy.....	161	16	3	11	15	60	51	32	2500	
Mount Olivet.....	75	7	1	5	5	47	44	8	1000	
Parsons' Grove.....	90	10	1	6	5	95	38	10	1000	
New Bethany.....	62	7	1	4	5	90	35	12	1500	
WALKERTOWN:										
Antioch.....	100	10	2	7	16	51	55	40	2000	
Morris Chapel.....	800	80	20	56	80	222	125	95	16000	
WINSTON:										
Mount Pleasant.....	350	35	9	24	48	158	98	135	3500	
Elm Grove.....	350	35	9	24	65	115	48	25	2000	
Pisgah.....	260	26	6	19	36	175	70	40	3600	
YADKIN:										
Mount Olive.....	60	6	2	4						
New Home.....	250	20	6	15						
Shady Grove.....	40	4	1	2						

(c) STATISTICAN'S REPORT—ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT					CHURCH MEMBERSHIP										
		PASTOR	DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS		BISHOPS		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS		PREPARATORY	FULL MEMBERSHIP							
			Claim.....	Paid.....	Claim.....	Paid.....	Claim.....	Paid.....		Received from P. M.....	Received on Confession of Faith...	Received by Transfer and Renewal..	Received from other Denominations...	Full Members on Roll, including Inactive Memb's.	Inactive Members.	Removed by Transfer and Withdr'wl.	Deaths During Year.....
Altamont.....	David W. Hagan.....	\$155	\$132	\$15	\$4	\$3	\$10	\$9	\$159	\$25	3	6	1	8	3	7	5
Ashtand.....	L. C. Stevens.....	537	328	46	25	11	32	17	376	161	7	6	1	8	3	7	5
Asheville.....	J. R. Kirby.....	460	460	16	18	4	11	476	476	15	3	11	13	2	2	3	3
Asheville Circuit.....	A. B. Dennis.....	525	525	48	48	11	28	612	612	268	3	11	13	2	2	3	2
Bakersville-Tipton Hill.....	Vance A. Lewis.....	555	331	46	21	11	32	28	306	268	3	11	13	2	2	3	2
Bessemer City.....	Earl W. Armstrong.....	850	400	40	60	10	24	24	746	99	15	15	13	2	10	3	1
Bessemer City Circuit.....	C. J. Winslow.....	850	767	75	66	18	52	46	796	214	3	11	13	2	10	3	1
Boone.....	Albert W. Wellons.....	400	235	40	24	10	24	24	260	214	3	11	13	2	10	3	1
Canton.....	F. F. Frisbie.....	1500	300	120	89	30	84	62	1358	376	3	11	13	2	10	3	1
Canton Charge.....	William H. Pless.....	1236	180	106	106	21	74	74	1257	376	3	11	13	2	10	3	1
Casar.....	Ellis P. Greene.....	450	427	42	40	10	29	28	503	26	7	15	5	5	4	4	4
Clyde.....	Dan H. Dennis.....	730	500	65	42	16	42	30	503	268	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Etowah.....	J. R. Bowman.....	305	277	60	24	15	17	292	292	60	4	3	2	2	2	2	2
Franklin.....	Edna Coble Whitson.....	210	196	60	15	14	9	8	221	17	9	6	2	2	2	2	2
Hickory.....	S. N. Bumgarner.....	410	373	30	32	8	23	23	438	38	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Kings Mountain.....	William A. Parsons.....	1440	1440	120	120	30	84	84	1674	38	1	11	19	5	11	4	3
Lausling.....	Moody L. Chappell.....	346	318	96	25	22	6	15	357	35	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Leicester.....	C. O. Newell.....	1010	997	150	86	21	60	58	1158	19	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Marion.....	John F. Wyatt.....	820	820	70	70	18	49	957	957	225	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Linville-Montezuma.....	David W. Hagan.....	440	333	34	25	8	23	16	280	225	10	8	8	8	8	8	8
Newton.....	Edward M. Graham.....	1200	150	105	105	26	73	73	1254	335	4	3	3	3	3	3	3
Pisgah.....	C. M. White.....	840	560	70	42	17	10	29	641	335	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Shooting Creek-Murphy.....	Paul A. Barker.....	309	75	25	41	11	29	25	358	26	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Saint Paul.....	H. H. Cash.....	525	504	42	41	10	29	17	358	26	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
South River.....	C. O. Plyler.....	90	90	9	9	2	4	4	105	26	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Syva.....	L. W. Hall.....	200	118	20	10	2	4	4	128	92	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Temple Hill-Smiths Chapel.....	J. L. A. Bumgarner.....	150	125	15	13	4	10	9	150	29	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Traphill.....	E. H. Spencer.....	425	250	50	37	8	21	12	287	154	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Wilkesboro.....	D. L. Earnhardt.....	641	445	100	54	30	18	13	492	49	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Zion.....	J. M. Wall.....	660	550	53	53	13	36	36	652	65	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Total, 1937.....		\$17220	\$15433	\$1473	\$1261	\$335	\$962	\$796	\$17267	\$2593	37	184	101	37	75	189	85
Total, 1936.....		17680	14689	1568	1246	372	852	660	16391	3368	19	204	132	19	343	52	64

(e) STATISTICAN'S REPORT—ASHEVILLE DISTRICT (continued)

NAMES OF CHARGES		NAMES OF PASTORS		CHURCH SCHOOLS			EPWORTH LEAGUE		CHURCH PROPERTY								MISCELLANEOUS																	
				Church School Current Expenses.....			Church Buildings.....		Estimated Value of Land and Buildings.....		Parsonages.....		Estimated Value of Land and Buildings.....		Value of Other Properties, Endowments, Bonds, Etc.....		Paid for Building and Improvements.....		Paid for Interest on Indebtedness.....		Paid on Old Indebtedness, not including Interest.....		Present Indebtedness, including Debt on Current Expenses.....		Current Expenses, Not Including Ministerial Support.....		Local Preachers.....		Subscribers to the Advocates.....		Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society.....		No. of Congregations or Preaching Places.....	
Altamont.....	David W. Hagan.....	2	12	101	\$41	33	.....	2	\$2000	1	\$1500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ashtand.....	L. C. Stevens.....	8	51	447	36	30	.....	8	5122	1	7500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Asheville.....	J. R. Kirby.....	1	16	100	60	.....	.....	1	5000	1	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Asheville Circuit.....	A. B. Dennis.....	4	32	354	100	44	27	28	4	8500	1	500	.....	338	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bakersville-Tipton Hill.....	Vance A. Lewis.....	4	21	213	84	50	.....	.....	5	6000	1	1000	.....	275	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bessemer City.....	Earl W. Armstrong.....	1	9	99	29	.....	.....	.....	1	18000	1	1500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bessemer City Circuit.....	C. J. Winslow.....	5	28	260	95	.....	12	.....	5	6000	1	1500	.....	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Boone.....	Albert W. Wellons.....	4	21	239	24	69	.....	.....	5	5000	1	5000	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Canton.....	F. F. Frisbie.....	1	10	209	60	25	.....	.....	1	17000	1	5000	.....	185	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Canton Charge.....	William H. Pless.....	4	29	448	268	44	.....	.....	5	38000	1	2500	.....	685	114	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cassat.....	Ellis P. Greene.....	2	16	299	50	35	.....	.....	5	4000	1	300	.....	1200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clyde.....	Dan H. Dennis.....	5	24	175	85	.....	.....	.....	5	7700	1	1500	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elkton.....	J. R. Bowman.....	6	13	100	11	43	.....	.....	2	1700	1	1000	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Franklin.....	Edna Coble Whitson.....	2	13	157	34	.....	.....	.....	2	5500	1	1500	.....	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hickory.....	S. N. Bumgarner.....	1	14	174	140	48	.....	.....	1	12500	1	1600	.....	125	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kings Mountain.....	William A. Parsons.....	3	16	324	15	42	.....	.....	6	5200	1	1600	.....	303	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lansing.....	Moody L. Chappell.....	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	14100	1	2000	.....	62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Leicester.....	C. O. Newell.....	4	27	262	140	50	35	.....	5	12500	1	1600	.....	125	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marion.....	John W. Wyatt.....	1	16	173	70	42	.....	.....	1	2500	1	1200	.....	62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Linville-Montezuma.....	David W. Hagan.....	2	12	191	66	.....	.....	.....	3	4000	1	1500	.....	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newton.....	Edward M. Graham.....	2	28	447	254	28	25	.....	2	6000	1	1000	.....	1500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pisgah.....	C. M. White.....	4	32	375	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	5500	3	1700	.....	175	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shooting Creek-Murphy.....	Paul A. Barker.....	4	24	210	78	25	.....	.....	4	11660	1	2660	.....	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Saint Paul.....	H. H. Cash.....	4	26	214	42	40	.....	.....	4	11660	1	2660	.....	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South River.....	C. O. Plyler.....	1	6	85	8	22	.....	.....	3	1000	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sylva.....	L. W. Hall.....	1	12	85	26	.....	.....	.....	3	1500	1	1000	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Temple Hill-Smiths Chapel.....	J. L. A. Bumgarner.....	2	12	145	25	43	.....	.....	6	7000	1	1000	.....	250	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Traphill.....	E. H. Spencer.....	4	28	225	70	.....	.....	.....	4	4500	1	1000	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilkesboro.....	D. L. Earnhardt.....	2	.....	449	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	4500	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zion.....	J. M. Wall.....	4	26	320	48	.....	.....	.....	4	8200	1	1200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total, 1937.....	.....	91	619	7463	\$2004	717	39	88	111	\$289254	26	\$44360	1350	\$6586	\$566	\$1677	\$18255	\$1960	30	106	\$738	113												
Total, 1936.....	99	712	7702	1972	913	117	132	113	287204	26	46150	250	4860	1698	20349	1756	37	126	1817	120												

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NAMES OF CHARGES		NAMES OF PASTORS										MINISTERIAL SUPPORT										CHURCH MEMBERSHIP													
												PASTOR		DISTRICT SUPERINTS		BISHOPS		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS		Total Paid for Ministerial Support		Total Deficiency		BAPTISMS		PREPARATORY		FULL MEMBERSHIP							
																												Received from P. M.							
NAMES OF CHARGES		Total Claim, Including House Rent		Rental Value of Parsonage		Claim		Paid		Claim		Paid		Claim		Received During Year		Now on Roll		Received from other Denominations								Received by Transfer and Renewal		Inactive Members		Removed by Transfer and Withdr'wl.		Deaths During Year	
Ararat		\$200	\$200		\$20	\$20	\$5	\$5	\$14	\$14	\$239	\$175	1	8	15	8	7	162	4	127	13	50	1	127	13	50	1	127	13	50	1				
Eureka		265	265		26	11	4	10	35	28	553	117	12	4	2	2	2	168	5	168	82	168	2	168	82	168	2	168	82	168	2				
Harkers Island		575	475	\$75	50	40	10	10	45	17	811	143	12	4	2	2	14	2	438	5	438	5	438	5	438	5	438	5	438	5	438	5			
Harmon		820	723	120	70	65	17	6	45	17	1117	292	8	8	2	2	2	2	123	20	123	20	123	20	123	20	123	20	123	20	123	20			
Hatteras		450	205	50	40	16	10	4	28	11	236	292	1	8	3	9	2	2	211	60	211	60	211	60	211	60	211	60	211	60	211	60			
Huntersville		1050	875	150	90	73	22	18	54	43	1009	207	5	3	6	6	3	2	173	30	173	30	173	30	173	30	173	30	173	30	173	30			
Lexington		300	180	60	15	15	4	2	12	2	109	12	8	3	6	6	3	2	178	60	178	60	178	60	178	60	178	60	178	60	178	60			
Marshallberg		920	920	120	80	80	20	20	56	56	956	50	5	9	6	6	14	14	191	29	191	29	191	29	191	29	191	29	191	29	191	29			
Midway		500	500		50	50	12	12	35	35	597	50	4	9	2	2	2	2	181	31	181	31	181	31	181	31	181	31	181	31	181	31			
Misenheimer		635	635	100	53	53	13	13	37	37	738	63	4	8	2	2	2	2	137	31	137	31	137	31	137	31	137	31	137	31	137	31			
Morehead City		1020	1020	120	90	90	22	22	63	63	1012	77	1	2	5	12	12	12	182	100	182	100	182	100	182	100	182	100	182	100	182	100			
Morehead Circuit		100	20		10	3	2	2	7	7	23	77	6	2	5	3	2	2	137	31	137	31	137	31	137	31	137	31	137	31	137	31			
Mount Mitchell		650	650	150	50	50	12	12	35	35	747	63	1	2	5	12	12	12	199	31	199	31	199	31	199	31	199	31	199	31	199	31			
Oeraoke		725	743	100	62	62	16	16	44	44	865	100	6	2	5	3	1	1	160	21	160	21	160	21	160	21	160	21	160	21	160	21			
Palestine		560	460		34	34	8	6	16	16	480	100	9	2	5	3	1	1	212	20	212	20	212	20	212	20	212	20	212	20	212	20			
Parneto		360	250	36	30	25	6	5	17	17	298	91	4	4	2	2	4	1	111	22	111	22	111	22	111	22	111	22	111	22	111	22			
Pembroke-Bethel		265	212		26	21	6	7	21	13	249	51	2	2	2	2	2	2	200	63	200	63	200	63	200	63	200	63	200	63	200	63			
Pembroke-Bladen		300	250		30	25	7	7	21	13	295	57	8	3	5	5	4	4	161	28	161	28	161	28	161	28	161	28	161	28	161	28			
Pinebluff		1000	685		100	68	25	17	70	48	818	377	5	5	1	1	2	4	344	100	344	100	344	100	344	100	344	100	344	100	344	100			
Portsmouth, Va		820	820	120	70	70	17	17	49	49	956	67	8	3	5	5	4	4	161	28	161	28	161	28	161	28	161	28	161	28	161	28			
Statesville		1440	1440	240	120	120	30	30	84	84	1674	49	5	1	1	1	2	2	383	46	383	46	383	46	383	46	383	46	383	46	383	46			
Surry		250	181		25	16	6	4	15	10	201	49	6	6	1	1	1	1	145	50	145	50	145	50	145	50	145	50	145	50	145	50			
Troy		672	468	72	60	40	15	9	42	27	544	41	7	6	6	6	4	4	230	100	230	100	230	100	230	100	230	100	230	100	230	100			
Waltersville		1050	1050	150	90	90	22	22	63	63	1225	41	7	6	6	6	4	4	273	45	273	45	273	45	273	45	273	45	273	45	273	45			
Whaleytown, Va		100	38		10	12							7	6	14	8			50	15	50	15	50	15	50	15	50	15	50	15	50	15			
Whaleytown, Va		1600	1600	300	130	130	32	32	78	78	1840		7	6	14	8			221	97	221	97	221	97	221	97	221	97	221	97	221	97			
Winston-Salem		1030	1030	120	91	96	23	24	64	67	1267	12	10	17	2	15	2	2	448	10	448	10	448	10	448	10	448	10	448	10	448	10			
Winston Circuit		455	455	75	38	30	9	9	23	21	410		10	17		15	2	2	343	40	343	40	343	40	343	40	343	40	343	40	343	40			
Yadkin													66	74	68	13	38	38	579	1086	579	1086	579	1086	579	1086	579	1086	579	1086	579	1086			
Total, 1937		\$18112	\$16216	\$2158	\$1560	\$1371	\$375	\$322	\$1040	\$873	\$18349	\$1801	66	74	68	13	38	38	579	1086	579	1086	579	1086	579	1086	579	1086	579	1086	579	1086			
Total, 1936		17613	16147	2168	1537	1383	371	330	873	749	18867	933	71	111	137	198	62	62	5880	1147	5880	1147	5880	1147	5880	1147	5880	1147	5880	1147	5880	1147			

(c) STATISTICAN'S REPORT—STATESVILLE DISTRICT (continued)

NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS										CHURCH SCHOOLS				EPWORTH LEAGUE			CHURCH PROPERTY										MISCELLANEOUS																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
											Church School Current Expenses.....				Total Enrollment in all Departments.....				Officers and Teachers...				Number of church Schools.....				Juniors.....			Intermediate.....			Senior and Young People.....				Church Buildings.....				Estimated Value of Land and Buildings...				Parsonages.....				Estimated Value of Land and Buildings...				Value of Other Properties, Endowments, Bonds, Etc.....				Paid for Building and Improvements.....				Paid for Interest on Indebtedness.....				Paid on Old Indebtedness, not including Interest.....				Present Indebtedness, including Debt on Current Expenses....				Current Expenses, Not Including Ministerial Support.....				Local Preachers.....				Subscribers to the Advocates.....				Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society.....				No. of Congregations or Preaching Places...																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																							
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(f) TREASURER'S REPORT—ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

NAMES OF CHARGES	DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES				OTHER CASH ITEMS				Annual Conf. Benevolences, etc.				Grand Total, Disciplinary and Annual Conference Benevolences, and Other Cash Items.
	World Service on Apportionment	World Service Additional	Total World Service on Apportionment	Children's Day Fund (Board of Education)...	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	SUPPORT OF			Total Other Cash Items.		
								District Superintendents.....	Bishops (Episcopal Fund).....	Conference Claimants.....			
Altamont.....	\$11	.....	\$11	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$14	\$15	\$3	11	\$1	\$30	\$45
Asheville.....	33	\$2	35				35	16	4	11		31	66
Asheville Circuit.....	58		58	10			68	48	11	29		88	156
Ashland.....	21		21				21	25	6	17		48	72
Bakersville.....	29		29				29	21	4	10		35	66
Bessemer City.....	60		60	83			143	40	10	24		74	221
Bessemer City Circuit.....	60	2	62				62	66	17	46		129	191
Boone.....	30	3	33				33	24	1			25	58
Boone Circuit.....	100		100	2			102	89	22	62	4	177	291
Canton.....	70		70				70	106	21	74		201	281
Canton Circuit.....	70		70				70	106	21	74		201	281
Casar.....	23		23	3			26	40	10	28		78	104
Clyde.....	59		59				59	42	11	30		83	142
Etowah.....	30		30				30	15				15	47
Franklin Circuit.....	17		17				17	14	3	8	1	26	46
Hickory.....	45		45				45	32				32	100
Kings Mountain.....	228	5	233	76			309	120	30	84	5	239	563
Laurens.....	24		24				24	22	5	12		39	65
Leicester.....	100	1	101	7			108	83	20	58		161	271
Linville-Montezuma.....	14		14				14	25	4	8	2	39	55
Marion.....	136		136				136	70	18	49	2	139	284
Newton.....	192		192				192	105	26	73	8	212	418
Pisgah.....	21		21				21	42	11	29		82	107
Saint Paul.....	44		44				44	41	11	25		77	131
Shooting Creek-Murphy.....	37	6	43	2			39	25	6	17	1	49	94
South River.....	12		12				12	9	2	4		15	27
Sylvania.....	15		15				15	10				10	25
Temple Hill.....	16		16	5			21	13	3	9		25	49
Traphill.....	12		12				12	20	5	12		37	49
Wilkesboro.....	19		19	2			21	30	4	13		47	71
Zion.....	43		43	5			48	53	13	36	4	106	154
This year.....	\$1559	\$19	\$1578	\$15	\$1	\$182	\$1776	\$1261	\$281	802	\$28	\$2372	\$4255
Last year.....			\$903	\$14	\$5	\$191	\$1113	\$1251	\$279	660	\$42	\$2232	\$3407

(g) REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

Report of O. M. Vernon, Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference, for the Conference year beginning October 9, 1936 and ending October 6, 1937.

Receipts		Disbursements	
Oct. 23, 1936, Check.....	\$520 00	Oct. 23, 1937, C. C. Benton.	\$295 00
Jan. 25, 1937, Check.....	543 75	Oct. 23, 1937, W. J. Plint..	225 00
April 23, 1937, Check.....	543 75	Jan. 25, 1937, C. C. Benton	295 00
July 24, 1937, Check.....	543 75	Jan. 25, 1937, W. J. Plint.	248 75
		April 23, 1937, C. C. Benton	295 00
		April 23, 1937, W. J. Plint.	248 75
		July 24, 1937, C. C. Benton	295 00
		July 24, 1937, W. J. Plint.	248 75
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	\$2,151 25		\$2,151 25
 Church Extension			
Jan. 27, 1937, Check.....	\$75 00	Jan. 27, 1937, W. J. Plint.	\$75 00
Jan. 27, 1937, Check.....	250 00	Jan. 27, 1937, C. C. Benton	250 00
March 20, 1937, Check....	150 00	Mar. 20, 1937, C. C. Benton	150 00
March 29, 1937, Check....	75 00	Mar. 29, 1937, W. J. Plint.	75 00
May 12, 1937, Check.....	125 00	May 12, 1937, W. J. Plint.	125 00
June 4, 1937, Check.....	100 00	June 4, 1937, C. C. Benton	100 00
June 8, 1937, Check.....	100 00	June 8, 1937, C. C. Benton	100 00
June 23, 1937, Check.....	125 00	June 23, 1937, W. J. Plint.	125 00
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	\$1,000 00		\$1,000 00
 Grand Totals.....			
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	\$3,151 25		\$3,151 25

Respectfully submitted,

O. M. VERNON, Treasurer.

Bessemer City, North Carolina.
October 6, 1937.

VII.

Memoirs

(a) REV. JOHN S. GREENE

John S. Greene was born in Caldwell County, North Carolina, October 4, 1866. He entered the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference in 1911. He was pastor of the following charges: Bakersville, Creston, Lansing, Leicester, Parmele, Lexington, Canton Circuit, Hayesville, Pisgah, Asheville Circuit, Clyde. He was an enthusiastic preacher. He loved to sing and usually aroused his congregations to sing with him. There were many conversions and accessions under his ministry. He worked faithfully at his task and was always cheerful. He and Mrs. Greene kept a hospitable home. Owing to ill health he retired in 1930. He did not lose interest in his church. He died August 27, 1937. The funeral service was held at Bethel Church, Sunday, August 29. Rev. D. H. Dennis, the pastor, was in charge. A. B. Dennis, A. S. Beaman, and F. F. Frisbie assisted in the service. Mrs. Greene, sharer of his trials and victories, is left lonely, yet not alone for the Shepherd is watching. Before her marriage to Brother Greene on March 2, 1890, she was Miss Sallie Miller. There were no children.

(b) MRS. MARTHA ALICE MATNEY

Mrs. W. C. Matney passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Hawkins, in Asheville, November 15, 1936, following several months of illness. Mrs. Matney was seventy-seven years of age at the time of her death. She was united in marriage to Rev. W. C. Matney in 1876. He passed away September 22, 1933. There are seven children living.

She was converted when a child and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. She was at her best in the home as wife and mother. She accepted the lot of a minister's wife cheerfully, suffering privations uncomplainingly and was wise in counsel and faithful in instruction. Her home was the home of all the preachers.

She was a woman of prayer and great faith. She was devoted to her church. Her voice and her presence are missed where she once assembled with those who love the house of the Lord.

Our loss is her eternal gain.

Ten thousand times ten thousand, In sparkling raiment bright,
The armies of the ransomed saints, Throng up the steeps of light:
'Tis finished, all is finished, Their fight with death and sin:
Fling open wide the golden gates, And let the victors in!

Our Honored Dead

(a) MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE

NAME	BORN	ADMITTED TO CONFERENCE	DIED	BURIED
F. M. Fanning.....	Nov. 27, 1812	Holston.....1837	April 1, 1881	Fannings Chapel
J. N. Barker.....	Feb. 1818	Va. and N. C.....1868	April 10, 1886	Alexander Co.
R. M. Witt.....	May 3, 1832	Holston.....1869	May 28, 1890	Leicester
D. M. Clayton.....	Dec. 8, 1846	Holston.....1878	Sept. 19, 1891	Avery's Creek
W. F. Parker.....	July 23, 1829	Holston.....1849	Jan. 30, 1892	Waynesville
Wm. Franklin.....	Mar. 24, 1865	Blue Ridge.....1888	April 6, 1892	Murphy
R. A. F. Smith.....	.....	Blue Ridge.....1888	.....1893	New Union
S. D. Tipton.....	Jan. 15, 1850	Blue Ridge.....1890	July 24, 1893	Tipton Cemetery
J. W. Naylor.....	Feb. 24, 1820	Va. and N. C.....1867	May 20, 1894	Bagley, Iowa
T. W. Matney.....	Dec. 1, 1829	N. C.....1868	Dec. 22, 1894	Montezuma
J. F. Privett.....	Sept. 5, 1862	Blue Ridge.....1891	June 28, 1895	Jennings,
A. F. English.....	Jan. 30, 1830	Holston.....1855	Aug. 16, 1892	Davidson River
A. H. Peeples.....	Dec. 31, 1846	Blue Ridge.....1885	April 27, 1897	Kernersville
J. H. Rominger.....	May 14, 1849	Blue Ridge.....1892	Sept. 6, 1898	Montezuma
E. Anderson.....	Jan. 4, 1844	Blue Ridge.....1893	April 8, 1900	Montezuma
W. G. Matton.....	Feb. 24, 1830	Va. and N. C.....1867	June 16, 1901	High Point
A. J. Johnson.....	Aug. 29, 1857	Blue Ridge.....1885	Dec. 3, 1901	Buck Shoals
W. T. Owen.....	May 9, 1867	Blue Ridge.....1898	Sept. 18, 1902	Huntersville
C. F. Castevens.....	Sept. 4, 1856	Blue Ridge.....1890	Sept. 27, 1907	Mitchels Chapel
H. D. Christenbury.....	Aug. 29, 1849	Blue Ridge.....1884	Nov. 19, 1906	Huntersville
W. J. Evans.....	July 7, 1843	Blue Ridge.....1885	Dec. 28, 1912	Arnon Plains
D. N. Franklin.....	Jan. 28, 1832	Blue Ridge.....1885	Feb. 6, 1914	Woodrow
Q. A. Bumgarner.....	Sept. 13, 1891	B. R.-Atlantic.....1913	Aug. 8, 1914	Millers Creek
J. N. S. Doub.....	Sept. 24, 1840	Blue Ridge.....1895	Aug. 16, 1916	West Bend
J. J. Rhyne.....	Dec. 28, 1844	Blue Ridge.....1887	Sept. 5, 1916	Eupeptic Spring
A. Grabeal.....	Dec. 21, 1860	Blue Ridge.....1882	Mar. 8, 1917	Ashville
L. J. Penley.....	Jan. 18, 1858	Blue Ridge.....1888	Aug. 14, 1917	Bethel
S. A. Earnhardt.....	Aug. 13, 1850	Blue Ridge.....1887	May 25, 1920	Misenheimer
J. H. Fine.....	Sept. 9, 1869	Blue Ridge.....1907	May 3, 1920	Candler
G. C. Wadford.....	Nov. 27, 1873	B. R.-Atlantic.....1915	Nov. 23, 1922	Greensboro
M. W. Broyles.....	July 22, 1849	Holston.....1877	May 3, 1925	Leicester
J. B. Tucker.....	Sept. 26, 1857	Blue Ridge.....1885	Dec. 24, 1926	State Road
J. L. Dennis.....	Mar. 26, 1864	Blue Ridge.....1891	July 27, 1927	Uwharrie
D. A. Lanier.....	May 24, 1842	Blue Ridge.....1890	Feb. 12, 1928	Shiloh
Austin Wilson.....	Nov. 10, 1881	B. R.-Atlantic.....1912	June 14, 1929	Reeps Grove
D. M. Matheson.....	Mar. 21, 1850	Blue Ridge.....1888	Dec. 5, 1930	New Home
W. L. Moore.....	Oct. 12, 1857	Atlantic Mis'n.....1909	Dec. 21, 1930	Prospect
J. H. Garriss.....	.....1896	Atlantic Mis'n.....1902	Aug. 1932	Highland Spgs, Va.
P. M. Locklear.....	Sept. 18, 1868	B. R.-Atlantic.....1922	April 25, 1933	Pembroke
W. C. Matney.....	Mar. 3, 1856	Blue Ridge.....1889	Sept. 22, 1933	Canton
F. A. L. Clark.....	April 18, 1849	Blue Ridge.....1884	Dec. 17, 1933	Mt. Mitchell
R. G. Trull.....	Dec. 19, 1899	B. R.-Atlantic.....1924	Dec. 19, 1933	Crusoe
W. Q. A. Graham.....	Mar. 31, 1858	Blue Ridge.....1887	Sept. 14, 1934	Temple Hill
J. H. Gillespie.....	Oct. 29, 1852	Blue Ridge.....1885	Sept. 18, 1934	Leicester
J. F. Matney.....	Nov. 5, 1858	Blue Ridge.....1888	July 7, 1935	Iredell Co.
J. M. Fowler.....	April 6, 1872	Blue Ridge.....1909	Dec. 4, 1935	Clyde.
J. M. Heath.....	Jan. 25, 1856	Blue Ridge.....1890	Mar. 19, 1936	Walkertown
J. S. Greene.....	Oct. 4, 1866	Blue Ridge.....1911	Aug. 27, 1937	Buncombe Co.

(b) WIDOWS OF DECEASED MEMBERS

Mrs. W. T. Owens.....	Died Dec. 16, 1906
Mrs. H. D. Christenbury.....	Died May 3, 1908
Mrs. T. W. Matney.....	Died Sept. 9, 1909
Mrs. J. J. Rhyne.....	Died Nov. 3, 1916
Mrs. Q. A. Bumgarner.....	Died Dec. 1, 1920
Mrs. D. M. Clayton.....	Died Mar. 18, 1922
Mrs. W. J. Evans.....	Died Dec. 16, 1923
Mrs. A. Graybeal.....	Died Nov.....1924
Mrs. S. A. Earnhardt.....	Died June 12, 1925
Mrs. A. J. Johnson.....	Died Dec. 2, 1928
Mrs. F. A. L. Clark.....	Died Feb. 15, 1935
Mrs. J. H. Garriss.....	Died May 4, 1935
Mrs. W. C. Matney.....	Died Nov. 15, 1936

(c) WIVES OF MEMBERS

Mrs. K. N. Snipes.....	Died.....1925
Mrs. W. Q. A. Graham.....	Died Oct. 20, 1926
Mrs. W. E. Isenhour.....	Died May 27, 1929
Mrs. J. M. Heath.....	Died July 6, 1934
Mrs. D. W. Haga.....	Died Jan. 27, 1936

IX.

Historical

(a) CONFERENCE SESSIONS

(The name of the Conference at first was Southern Central Conference. It became the Blue Ridge Conference in 1881. In 1912 the Atlantic Mission Conference was merged with this Conference and it became the Blue-Ridge Atlantic Conference.)

DATE	PLACE	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
1879..Jan. 30, Feb. 3...	Greensboro.....	Bishop Peck.....	E. O. Thayer.
1880..Jan. 28, Feb. 1...	Concord.....	Bishop Simpson.....	W. G. Matton.
1881..Jan. 20-24.....	Leicester.....	Bishop Warren.....	"
1882..Jan. 19-23.....	Asheville.....	Bishop Foster.....	"
1883..Jan. 24-29.....	Gastonia.....	Bishop Merrill.....	"
1884..Jan. 30-Feb. 3...	Asheville.....	Bishop Bowman.....	J. D. Roberson.
1885..Feb. 12-16.....	Clyde.....	Bishop Andrews.....	"
1885..Oct. 1- 5.....	Gastonia.....	Bishop Mallalieu.....	W. T. Ford.
1886..Oct. 7-11.....	Smith's Chapel.....	Bishop Walden.....	"
1887..Oct. 19-23.....	Asheville.....	Bishop Mallalieu.....	W. Q. A. Graham.
1888..Oct. 18-22.....	Clyde.....	Bishop FitzGerald.....	"
1889..Oct. 17-21.....	Asheville.....	Bishop Joyce.....	J. D. Roberson.
1890..Oct. 16-20.....	Clyde.....	Bishop Joyce.....	"
1891..Oct. 21-25.....	Asheville.....	Bishop Warren.....	A. Graybeal.
1892..Oct. 13-16.....	Poindexter.....	Bishop Foss.....	A. H. Gamble.
1893..Oct. 12-16.....	Daisy.....	Bishop Hurst.....	W. Q. A. Graham.
1894..Sept. 27-Oct. 1...	Smith's Chapel.....	Bishop Foster.....	"
1895..Oct. 19-24.....	Clyde.....	Bishop Mallalieu.....	A. Graybeal.
1896..Sept. 24-27.....	Asheville.....	Bishop Mallalieu.....	"
1897..Oct. 11-17.....	Walkertown.....	Bishop Andrews.....	"
1898..Oct. 20-24.....	Marion.....	Bishop Goodsell.....	"
1899..Oct. 18-22.....	Seward.....	Bishop Fowler.....	"
1900..Oct. 4- 7.....	Clyde.....	Bishop Cranston.....	"
1901..Oct. 24-27.....	Montezuma.....	Bishop Goodsell.....	"
1902..Oct. 23-26.....	Seward.....	Bishop Walden.....	"
1903..Oct. 7-10.....	Glass.....	Bishop Joyce.....	"
1904..Oct. 6-11.....	Clyde.....	Bishop FitzGerald.....	"
1905..Oct. 5- 8.....	Montezuma.....	Bishop Fowler.....	"
1906..Oct. 4- 8.....	Troy.....	Bishop Bashford.....	"
1907..Oct. 23-27.....	Walkertown.....	Bishop Spellmeyer.....	"
1908..Oct. 1- 4.....	Kings Mountain.....	Bishop Goodsell.....	"
1909..Sept. 30-Oct. 3...	Asheville.....	Bishop Anderson.....	"
1910..Oct. 7- 9.....	Canton.....	Bishop Anderson.....	"
1911..Oct. 19-22.....	Troy.....	Bishop Anderson.....	"
1912..Nov. 21-24.....	Marshallburg.....	Bishop Henderson.....	"
1913..Nov. 13-17.....	Walkertown.....	Bishop Henderson.....	D. W. Haga.
1914..Nov. 19-22.....	Asheville.....	Bishop Henderson.....	"
1915..Nov. 25-29.....	Newton.....	Bishop Henderson.....	"
1916..Nov. 22-26.....	Parmele.....	Bishop Bristol.....	"
1917..Nov. 21-25.....	Kings Mountain.....	Bishop Hughes.....	"
1918..Dec. 4- 8.....	Asheville.....	Bishop Bristol.....	"
1919..Nov. 19-23.....	Troy.....	Bishop Bristol.....	"
1920..Nov. 4- 7.....	Kings Mountain.....	Bishop Bristol.....	C. M. White.
1921..Oct. 27-30.....	Canton.....	Bishop Bristol.....	"
1922..Nov. 2- 6.....	Statesville.....	Bishop Wilson.....	"
1923..Nov. 1- 4.....	Washington.....	Bishop Bristol.....	"
1924..Nov. 6- 9.....	Winston-Salem.....	Bishop Thirkield.....	"
1925..Oct. 29-Nov. 1...	Kings Mountain.....	Bishop Richardson.....	"
1926..Dec. 2- 5.....	Morehead City.....	Bishop Thirkield.....	"
1927..Dec. 7-11.....	Canton.....	Bishop Leonard.....	"
1928..Dec. 5- 9.....	Misenheimer.....	Bishop Smith.....	"
1929..Dec. 5- 8.....	Asheville.....	Bishop Blake.....	W. A. Parsons
1930..Oct. 15-19.....	Marshallberg.....	Bishop Brown.....	"
1931..Sept. 23-27.....	Bessemer City.....	Bishop Smith.....	"
1932..Oct. 6- 9.....	Walkertown.....	Bishop Brown.....	"
1933..Oct. 5- 8.....	Canton.....	Bishop Brown.....	"
1934..Oct. 4- 7.....	Newton.....	Bishop Burns.....	"
1935..Oct. 9-13.....	Winston-Salem.....	Bishop Brown.....	J. J. Wood.
1936..Oct. 8-11.....	Asheville.....	Bishop Brown.....	W. A. Parsons.
1937..Oct. 7-10.....	Misenheimer.....	Bishop Brown.....	"

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Miscellaneous

(a) PLAN OF CONFERENCE EXAMINATIONS

Dr. M. O. Fletcher is chairman of the Board of Ministerial Training. Rev. C. W. Guthrie is Registrar. The post-office address of each member of the Board is given in the list of Appointments, pages 68, 69.

All examinations except for Reception on Trial will be at the summer school in June at Athens, Tennessee. All written work must be submitted to the members of the Board designated below. Send in written work on books to be studied **not later than three weeks before the summer school begins**. Send in written work on the collateral reading **not later than three weeks before the Annual Conference**. There is not time to give satisfactory attention to written work after the men arrive at the seat of Conference. Send in the work as soon as it is done. Please heed this.

Classes

The names of those in the Course of Study appear in the answers to Disciplinary Questions 24, 25, 29, and 36 (see pages 65, 66).

Assignment of Subjects

Reception on Trial

- C. M. White: Doctrines and Discipline; Life of Wesley.
- B. A. Culp: Methodism in American History.
- J. R. Kirby: Written Sermon; Selections from Writings of John Wesley.
- D. A. Bailey: Bible Biography.

First Year

- P. A. Barker: The Abingdon Commentary; Special Homiletical Work.
- V. A. Morton: The Teachings of Jesus.
- C. O. Newell: The Work of Preaching; Biblical Readings and Studies.
- J. J. Wood: Psychology of Religious Experience; Are You an Evangelist?
- W. H. Pless: The Technique of Public Worship; The Jesus of History.
- W. A. Parsons: The Story of Methodism.

Second Year

- P. A. Barker: The Abingdon Commentary; The Christian Enterprise Among Rural People.
- W. A. Parsons: The Church in History.
- Q. V. Amberson: Teaching for Christian Living; The Pastor and Religious Education; Teaching Religion Today.
- S. W. Johnson: Biblical Readings and Studies; Creative Men.
- J. R. Kirby: Beacon Lights of Prophecy; Special Homiletical Work.
- B. A. Culp: Psychology and Life; John Wesley—Sermons and Selections.

Third Year

- W. H. Pless: Paul and His Epistles; Martin Luther; The Art of Preaching.
- S. W. Johnson: Introduction to Philosophy; The Pastoral Office.
- W. A. Parsons: Religions of Mankind; Special Homiletical Work.
- C. M. White: The Church and Society; Biblical Readings and Studies.
- D. A. Bailey: Religion in Life; Christianity Tested.

Fourth Year

D. A. Bailey: The Doctrine of God; God and Ourselves; A Faith for Today; Religion in Life.

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(b) DELEGATES TO LAY CONFERENCE

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Charge	Delegate	Address
Asheville.....	C. A. Hawkins*	Asheville
Asheville Circuit.....	Mrs. Homer Banks.....	Route 1, Arden
Ashland.....	Everett Martin*	
Bakersville.....	Miss Etta Whitson.....	Tipton Hill
Bessemer City.....	R. C. Kennedy.....	Bessemer City
Bessemer City Circuit.....	Miss Mardecia Eaker.....	R. 1, Bessemer City
Boone.....	W. B. Castle*	Boone
Canton.....	W. T. Hawkins*	Canton
Canton Circuit.....	C. C. Williams.....	Canton
Casar.....	O. W. Sain*	Route 2, Vale
Clyde.....	Lloyd Justice.....	Clyde
Etowah.....	O. C. Orr.....	Hendersonville
Franklin Circuit.....	Sam Reece.....	Franklin
Hickory.....	T. M. Starnes.....	Hickory
Kings Mountain.....	J. F. Greene*	Kings Mountain
Leicester.....	J. Marvin Glance.....	Box 1362, Asheville
Linville-Montezuma.....	Hooker Webb*	
Marion.....	C. M. Poole*	Marion
Murphy-Shooting Creek.....	J. H. Hampton*	Route 2, Murphy
Newton.....	J. Mackie*	Catawba
Pisgah.....	H. W. Davis.....	Route 1, Candler
Saint Paul.....	Mrs. Miles Shore.....	Cycle
South River.....	Ray Sharpe*	Statesville
Sylva.....	N. F. Cheek*	Sylva
Temple Hill.....	T. S. Welborn*	Cycle
Trap Hill.....	W. M. Roberts*	Trap Hill
Wilkesboro.....	Russell Eller.....	Route 1, Wilkesboro
Zion.....	W. B. Goodin.....	Route 2, Statesville

Statesville District

Charge	Delegate	Address
Ararat.....	Willie Simmons.....	Ararat
Eureka.....	W. P. Morris*	Route 2, Elizabeth City
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Harmony.....	Dr. E. Harmon, Alternate.....	Harmony
Hatteras		
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Morehead City		

Morehead Circuit		
Ocracoke.....	Amasa Fulcher.....	Ocracoke
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Bethel.....	C. B. Brayboy*.....	Pembroke
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Winston Circuit.....	R. L. Kirby.....	Route 3, Winston-Salem
Yadkin.....	W. A. Taylor*.....	

*Absent.

(c) RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE LAY CONFERENCE

Whereas Pfeiffer Junior College plays an important part in Methodism, and

Whereas the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference has been so generously and graciously received by this institution,

Therefore be it resolved by the Lay Conference:

I. That we extend to President Sharp our sincere thanks for his invitation.

II. That we extend to the entire faculty and to Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Nimon our appreciation for the kind and gracious manner in which we have been entertained.

III. That we also extend to the Student Body our thanks for the part they have played in making our visit a pleasant one, and

IV. That we extend to all the above mentioned our best wishes and invoke the blessings of God upon the entire school.

Respectfully submitted,

AMASA FULCHER,
R. C. KENNEDY,
MARDECIA EAKER,

Committee.

(d) WORLD SERVICE ASKINGS, 1937-38

(A unit is twelve dollars for the year—one dollar per month.)

Asheville District

Asheville, 9 units; Asheville Circuit, 8; Bakersville, 4; Bessemer City, 8; Bessemer Circuit, 10; Boone, 5; Canton, 17; Canton Circuit, 17; Casar, 7; Clyde, 8; Etowah, 3; Franklin-Sylva, 5; Hickory, 6; Kings Mountain, 20; Lansing, 4; Leicester, 14; Linville, 6; Marion, 12; Newton, 18; Pine Mountain, 5; Pisgah, 7; St. Paul, 7; Shooting Creek-Murphy, 6; South River, 2; Temple Hill, 3; Tipton Hill, 3; Traphill, 5; Wilkesboro, 6; Zion, 7.

Statesville District

Ararat, 4 units; Ashley Heights, 3; Eureka, 3; Harkers Island, 8; Harmony-Mitchell, 9; Hatteras, 4; Huntersville, 15; Lexington, 4; Marshallberg, 10; Midway, 10; Misenheimer, 16; Mount Mitchell, 9; Morehead City, 9; Morehead Circuit, 1; Ocracoke, 12; Palestine, 8; Parmele, 4; Pembroke-Bethel, 4; Pembroke-Bladen, 7; Pinebluff, 15; Portsmouth, 12; Statesville, 20; Surry, 3; Troy, 9; Walkertown, 12; Whaleyville, 1; Winston-Salem, 15; Winston Circuit, 12; Yadkin, 3.

(e) VACATION SCHOOL AND INSTITUTE STATISTICS

CHARGES	Vacation Church Schools				Epworth League Institute
	Number.....	Teachers.....	Enrollment.....	Cost.....	Number Delegates.....
Pine Mountain.....	2	7	76	\$10	.....
Asheville Circuit.....	4	16	70	5	.....
Boone.....	1	2	40	.....	.....
Franklin.....	2	4	54	50	.....
Canton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11
Kings Mountain.....	1	7	57	6	12*
Lansing.....	2	3	80	.....	.....
Leicester.....	1	8	72	8	2*
Marion.....	1	8	68	5	7*
Linville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Shooting Creek-Murphy.....	7	19	316	125	3*
Saint Paul.....	3	9	100	.....	5*
Huntersville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4*
Kannapolis.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Misenheimer.....	1	3	26	5	7*
Palestine.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Pinebluff.....	2	18	114	12	5*
Statesville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7
Walkertown.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1*
Winston Circuit.....	3	15	120	15	2*
Totals.....	30	119	1193	241	73

*Pastor attended Institute. Ten pastors attended.
These figures were collected by Rev. P. A. Barker. There were no standard Teacher Training Classes reported. There were perhaps some First Series classes.

XI.

Pastoral Record

The date preceding each name is that of Reception on Trial or of reception from another denomination. A date in parenthesis is the date of transfer from some other Conference to this. The years of service, previous to October 10, 1937, in this Conference only, are shown by the numbers following the names. *Indicates absence from the session of 1937. (e) Indicates elder, (d) deacon. All the Retired Ministers are elders and all the Effective Ministers except three.

(a) CONFERENCE MEMBERS AND PROBATIONERS

(1) Retired Ministers

1894	(1920) A. S. Beaman....	21	140 Westwood, Asheville, N. C.
1915	W. L. Carter.....	14	New London, N. C.
1905	D. W. Haga.....	32	Montezuma.
1919	R. P. Jones*.....	17	Route 1, Creston, N. C.
1919	F. R. Lowry*.....	7	Pembroke, N. C.
1898	W. A. Patton*.....	31	Lansing, N. C.
1919	W. G. Warren*.....	12	Canton, N. C.
1906	D. J. White.....	26	Ronda, N. C.

(2) Effective Ministers

1925	(1934) Q. V. Amberson..	4	1916	(1935) J. R. Kirby.....	2
1923	D. A. Bailey.....	12	1932	L. A. Lewis (d).....	3
1923	(1936) P. A. Barker....	2	1932	V. A. Lewis (d).....	2
1927	C. C. Benton.....	10	1913	D. F. Lowry.....	24
1932	J. R. Bowman.....	2	1933	E. W. Mills.....	4
1930	S. J. Brawley.....	7	1929	V. A. Morton.....	8
1901	J. L. A. Bumgarner.....	33	1920	(1929) C. O. Newell....	12
1914	S. N. Bumgarner.....	23	1897	(1918) W. A. Parsons....	19
1935	H. H. Cash.....	2	1910	W. H. Pless.....	24
1911	B. A. Culp.....	25	1904	W. J. Plint.....	30
1906	(1916) A. B. Dennis....	21	1926	C. O. Plyler.....	6
1923	D. H. Dennis.....	12	1913	Y. D. Poole.....	17
1906	D. L. Earnhardt.....	31	1920	E. H. Spencer*.....	15
1913	(1916) M. O. Fletcher....	21	1911	J. M. Wall.....	26
1925	(1931) F. F. Frisbie....	6	1912	C. M. White.....	25
1936	E. M. Graham.....	1	1926	C. J. Winslow.....	8
1928	E. P. Green.....	9	1923	(1927) J. J. Wood.....	10
1919	C. W. Guthrie.....	18	1934	(1935) C. K. Wright....	2
1914	S. W. Johnson.....	23	1931	J. F. Wyatt (d).....	2

(3) Probationers

1937	C. W. Martin	1935	W. Y. Stewart
1936	R. C. Nimon (d)	1937	A. W. Wellons
1936	L. C. Stevens (d)		

(b) LOCAL PREACHERS**(1) Accepted Supply Pastors**

W. E. Armstrong (e), Gastonia	R. L. Phillips (d), R. 5, Statesville
T. W. Bryant (e), Ararat	T. E. Piërce (d), Harkers Island
M. L. Chappell (e), Lansing	H. H. Shaw (e), Portsmouth, Va.
L. W. Hall (e), Etowah	J. W. Smith, Pembroke
T. H. House, (Casby, Tenn.)	Mrs. E. Whitson (d), Misenheimer
M. W. Mann (e), Ocracoke	L. R. Wood (e), Montezuma
Finlay MacKichan R. 6, Lexington	

(2) Other Local Preachers**ASHEVILLE DISTRICT**

Miss Ruby Baily (d), Hayesville	A. G. Morrow, Violet
Mrs. Flora Banks, Creston	Mrs. C. O. Newell, Crabtree
C. W. Brown, Creston	O. C. Orr, Etowah
M. F. Bumgarner, Wilkesboro	W. E. Potter (d), Canton
B. A. Day, Ronda	Mrs. Estelle Price, Hickory
Mrs. D. L. Earnhardt, Traphill	A. F. Rhodes, Asheville
D. R. Earnhardt (e), Biltmore	W. M. Roberts, Roaring Gap
W. C. Franklin, Altamont	Floyd Smathers, Canton
G. C. Greene, Marion	T. L. Taylor (e), Enka
Millard C. Lambert, Linville	J. H. Tipton (d), Relief
H. L. Lewis, Ashland	Ed West, Canton
M. A. Matheson (e), Newton	C. C. Williams (e), Canton
H. H. Mitchell (d), Asheville	M. C. Wineberger, Hemlock
L. K. Moffitt, Franklin	

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

W. Baines (d), R. 2, Elizabeth City	M. L. Fulk (e), Mountain Park
Herb't Blackman, R. 2, Huntersville	J. S. Gardner, R. 6, Mt. Airy
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Wade Bustle, R. 1, Statesville	C. A. Johnson (d), Harkers Island
C. J. Chandler, Colfax	J. T. Parrish, Walkertown
M. A. Dry (d), Albemarle	A. G. Woodruff (d), Harmony
U. A. Dry (e), Salisbury	

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II.

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Western North Carolina Conference Methodist Episcopal Church, South—C. C. Benton.

North Carolina Conference Methodist Protestant Church—W. J. Plint.

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III.

Daily Proceedings

FIRST DAY

Misenheimer, N. C., October 6, 1938

Opening.—The Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in Pfeiffer Junior College today at 9 A. M. for its sixty-first annual session. Bishop Raymond J. Wade, of Stockholm, Sweden, presided.

Worship.—J. J. Wood conducted the opening devotional service. Ephesians 1. 15-23 was the Scripture lesson. After a special hymn by two Pfeiffer College students, there was helpful comment on the "Power That Operates."

Roll Call.—After brief remarks by Bishop Wade the roll was called. The Conference stood when the name of W. L. Carter was called. He had died since last session. C. C. Benton led in prayer.

Organization.—W. A. Parsons had been elected Secretary at the last session; W. H. Pless, Treasurer; and S. W. Johnson, Statistician. These elections were now confirmed and these officers named their assistants as follows J. J. Wood and J. R. Bowman, Assistant Secretaries; M. O. Fletcher, Assistant Treasurer; and D. W. Haga, C. J. Winslow, and E. W. Mills, Assistant Statisticians.

E. M. Graham was elected reporter to the secular press and J. R. Kirby to the church papers.

The printed program was made the official program of the Conference.

The bar of the Conference was fixed to include five rows of seats.

Order of the Day.—On motion of W. J. Plint, election of delegate to the Uniting Conference was made the order of the day Friday after the election of class to full membership.

Book Concern.—A communication from the Book Committee was presented and referred to the Committee on Periodicals.

V. A. Morton was appointed to have charge of Book Concern accounts.

Welcome and Greeting.—A resolution welcoming Bishop Wade was unanimously adopted, and the bishop made cordial response.

Christian greeting was ordered sent to Bishop and Mrs. Wallace E. Brown.

Retired Ministers (Question 42).—The names of the Retired Ministers were called. D. W. Haga expressed his interest in the work and his appreciation of Conference fellowship. The others were not present. L. C. Stevens spoke for R. P. Jones; M. L. Chappell, for W. A. Patton; J. L. A. Bumgarner, for D. J. White; W. H. Pless, for W. G. Warren; G. E. Keeler, for A. S. Beaman; D. F. Lowry, for F. R. Lowry. The Secretary was instructed to send greetings to the retired brethren.

The Bishop's Address.—Bishop Wade then addressed the preachers and laymen on the subject of "Assurance," using as text, 1 Thessalonians 1. 5. Assurance was the essential of Wesley's experience at Aldersgate, something which too many fail to realize and appreciate. We should attain it and preach it. The hymn, "Blessed Assurance," was sung.

Communion.—Bishop Wade, assisted by Superintendents W. J. Plint and C. C. Benton; by Pastor R. C. Nimon; and by D. W. Haga, retired minister; administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to the Conference and visitors. The service closed with the hymn, "What a Friend we have in Jesus."

Visitors.—Dr. C. N. Clarke, Presiding Elder of the Salisbury District of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was introduced, and he brought words of greeting from Bishop Purcell and the Southern Methodist ministry. W. L. Lanier, M. W. Heckard, and G. W. Clay, of the Western North Carolina Conference, were introduced. Mrs. R. C. Kennedy, Conference president of The Woman's Home Missionary Society, was introduced.

Statistical Reports.—W. J. Plint spoke of the necessity for accurate statistics. On motion of C. O. Newell, the Bishop and Cabinet were requested to name a committee to check the reports of the Treasurer and Statistician and so to revise as to clear up all discrepancies before printing.

The morning session closed with the doxology and the benediction by Dr. C. N. Clarke.

Afternoon Session

Memorial Service.—At 2 P. M. the Conference met in a memorial session. J. M. Wall presided and read memoirs of W. L. Carter, Mrs. S. N. Bumgarner, Mrs. E. H. Spencer, and W. C. Franklin. Several ministers spoke words of tender appreciation of the departed. C. M. White also added a tribute to D. D. Bailey.

Statistical Session.—The Conference then entered into statistical session with the Bishop presiding. As the names of the charges were called the pastors came forward and gave their reports to the Treasurer and the Statistician. Six charges of each district failed to report.

The Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY

Friday Morning.

Worship.—Rev. C. W. Martin conducted the worship service at 9 A. M. "The Everlasting God Never Fails," was the burden of his message. Several joined in uttering brief petitions for strength and guidance for the day.

Minutes.—The journal of yesterday's sessions was read and approved. Most of those who missed the first roll call were present this morning. Most of the delayed reports were in.

Questions.—Under Question 38 it was recorded that W. L. Carter had died. Under Question 42, each of the retired ministers was continued in the same relation. Question 34 was answered in the affirmative. Questions 23, 24, 41, and 43 were each answered "none."

Transfer—Question 21.—Bishop Wade announced the transfer of Zerna V. Arthur from the New England Southern Conference as of March 2, 1938.

Full Membership—Question 27.—Robert C. Nimon was admitted to full membership, graduated from the course of study, and elected to be ordained elder under the Seminary Rule.

Lowell C. Stevens was admitted to full membership and advanced to studies of the fourth year. He had been ordained deacon previously.

Readmitted—Question 22.—Claude C. Williams, who had been located at his own request at session of 1926, was, upon recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, readmitted to membership in the Conference.

Graduated—Question 32b.—John F. Wyatt was graduated from the course of study and elected to be ordained elder under the Missionary Rule.

Dr. Smathers.—Dr. M. T. Smathers, Presiding Elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Asheville District, was introduced, and he spoke words of cordial greeting.

Election.—Time had arrived for election of delegate and reserve delegate to the Uniting Conference of Methodism. R. C. Nimon and L. C. Stevens were appointed tellers; and J. R. Bowman, Assistant Secretary, was appointed to assist them. The Conference stood and Dr. Smathers led in prayer. On the fourth ballot M. O. Fletcher received 19 of the 37 votes and was declared elected as delegate. On the second ballot for reserve delegate, C. M. White received 21 out of 37 votes and was declared elected.

United Session.—The members of the Lay Conference came in. Mr. J. L. Thornburg, president; and Miss Mardecia Eaker, secretary, were presented to the Conference. Also Mrs. R. C. Kennedy, lay delegate

elect, and J. W. Clayton, reserve delegate, were presented. At the Bishop's request the names of the members of the Lay Conference were called and they came forward to the chancel. The Bishop greeted them cordially and congratulated the Conference on this fine body of laymen.

Methodist Co-operation.—J. J. Wood read the report of the Commission on Methodist Co-operation. It was received, approved, and ordered printed. Our Commission on Unification was requested to give careful attention to the recommendations of this report.

Fraternal Messengers.—Dr. M. T. Plyler, of the North Carolina *Christian Advocate* and Rev. A. C. Waggoner, Southern Methodist ministers, and Rev. T. G. Madison and Rev. C. O. Grant, Methodist Protestant ministers, were introduced. A letter from the Secretary of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church introducing Rev. Mr. Madison was read. He then spoke as fraternal messenger from his Conference. Dr. Plyler spoke representing the Commission on Co-operation and the two Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

J. J. Wood moved that we request the publication of these fraternal addresses in the *North Carolina Advocate*, the *Methodist Protestant Herald*, and the *Methodist Herald*. This was agreed to without dissent.

Bishop's Address.—Bishop Wade responded graciously to the fraternal messages. He warned that there are dangers to avoid even in union. We must not rely on mere numbers or lose sight of the more distant goals. There is call for renewed consecration and loyalty to our teaching, "Ye Must Be Born Again." The Conference then adjourned for noon.

Afternoon Session

Worship.—The Conference reassembled at 2 P. M. D. A. Bailey read the forty-sixth Psalm and commented especially on the verse, "The Lord of hosts is with us. The God of Jacob is our refuge." He illustrated God's care and comfort by some of his experiences in the World War.

Visitors.—Dr. C. W. Bates, Rev. G. R. Curry, Rev. Joe Coble, and Rev. W. L. Harkey, Methodist Protestant ministers, were introduced to the Conference.

Excused.—A. B. Dennis was excused from the remainder of the session.

Property Interests.—On behalf of the Board of Directors of Incorporation, C. M. White moved that this Board be authorized to secure the agent of the Board by deed of trust to the amount of \$500 to cover amounts expended for improvement and preservation of the Wells' property at Pinebluff, and for the necessities of the donors. This was agreed to.

C. M. White moved that the Board of Directors of Incorporation be authorized to make whatever adjustment is necessary with the state highway authorities concerning Riverside Church, near Cruso, and to use the proceeds in some way advantageous to the membership of this church. This was agreed to.

On motion of C. M. White, the Board of Directors of Incorporation was

authorized to dispose of the old Nina Church lot and Davidson Chapel near Unaka, and to place the proceeds with the Conference Treasurer.

Superintendents' Reports.—W. J. Plint read his report of the Statesville District. C. C. Benton read his report of the Asheville District.

Oral Reports.—The roll of charges was called and each pastor reported the number of conversions, the World Service giving, and other items.

World Service—Questions 10 and 11.—C. O. Newell and E. M. Graham presented the report of the World Service Commission and urged new devotion to the opportunity of World Service. Bishop Wade stressed the importance of Fellowship Week and urged that it be observed by every pastor. The report, which carried with it the acceptance of 464 units as our goal for next year, was unanimously adopted.

Historical.—The time had arrived for the Historical Service. C. M. White read a historical sketch of the Conference. This was ordered published in the Conference Minutes. C. M. White then called J. L. A. Bumgarner, W. J. Plint, R. F. Reynolds, Amasa Fulcher, and D. F. Lowry. Each in turn made contribution of historical data and interest. The session closed with the doxology. Bishop Wade pronounced the benediction.

THIRD DAY

Worship.—J. F. Wyatt conducted the opening devotional service at 9 A. M.

Minutes.—The journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

Continued on Trial.—Under Question 25, Charles W. Martin and Albert W. Wellons were each advanced to studies of the second year and continued on trial.

Discontinued.—On recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, W. Y. Stewart was discontinued (Question 26).

Continued.—On recommendation of the Board of Ministerial Training, Louie A. Lewis and Vance A. Lewis were continued in studies of the fourth year (Question 29).

Questions.—Questions 31, 32, and 33 were each called and answered "none."

Admitted to Full Membership.—Question 27 was resumed. R. C. Nimon and L. C. Stevens, who were elected to full membership yesterday, were called forward and were asked the questions prescribed in the Discipline. The Conference then confirmed their election. Bishop Wade addressed the class and the Conference on the subject of a clean twice-born ministry. He insisted that only changed men can be used to change men. The Conference joined in singing "Love Divine all loves excelling."

Bishop Brown's Greeting.—The Secretary read the following telegram

from Bishop Brown: "Greetings and love to Bishop Wade and Conference. Deeply appreciate your message. God bless you all and give you a Conference full of good things."

Drafts.—The Bishop presented a draft for \$60 from the Chartered Fund and one for \$302, appropriation from the Board of Pensions and Relief. These were received gratefully and ordered in favor of the Conference Stewards (Question 10).

Visitors.—Rev. S. J. Starnes, pastor of Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Aberdeen, was introduced. Dr. Deets Pickett, of the Board of Temperance, and Dr. C. L. Calkins, of the Board of Pensions, were introduced. Dr. Calkins spoke about our pension system, tracing its development and pointing out present needs.

Mrs. R. C. Kennedy was called forward and she told of the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society this year in the Conference.

Statistics.—In accordance with the action of Thursday, A. W. Wellons and Z. V. Arthur were appointed to assist the Statistician and the Treasurer in harmonizing their reports.

Excused.—C. O. Newell and A. G. Morrow were excused from further attendance on this session.

The Conference adjourned for noon.

Afternoon Session

Worship.—The Conference reassembled at 2 P. M. F. F. Frisbie read the fifteenth chapter of the Gospel of John and made appropriate comment.

Minutes.—The journal of the morning session was read and approved.

Graduated.—Under Question 30 Carl K. Wright was graduated from the course of study. He was elected to be ordained elder.

Accepted Supply Pastors.—Under Question 35 the Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors recommended that T. W. Bryant, L. W. Hall, G. E. Keeler, M. W. Mann, R. L. Phillips, and J. W. Smith be recognized as Accepted Supply Pastors. This was done. G. E. Keeler was placed in studies of the first year and R. L. Phillips in studies of the third year. J. W. Smith was placed in studies of the first year, Local Preachers' Course.

The characters of all the Accepted Supply Pastors had been examined. No local preachers have completed either course of study. There are no committees on the qualifications of local preachers.

Transfer.—The Bishop announced the transfer of Q. V. Amberson to the Alabama Conference (Question 37).

Triers of Appeals.—Under Question 44, D. A. Bailey, D. L. Earnhardt, V. A. Morton, W. H. Pless, and C. J. Winslow were elected Triers of Appeals. S. N. Bumgarner and D. H. Dennis were elected Reserves.

United Session.—The Conference entered into united session with the

laymen. Question 2 was answered "yes." Question 3 "none." Questions 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 were called and answers entered, as printed elsewhere.

Conference Stewards.—Under Question 9, R. F. Reynolds read the report of the Board of Stewards. This report was approved. Distribution of checks was made direct to the claimants who were present. They were sent to the others.

Questions.—Questions 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 were each called and answers entered as printed elsewhere.

J. J. Wood moved that an amount equivalent to one per cent of the pastors' salaries be asked from the charges of the Statesville District to be applied on the district parsonage.

Next Session.—Question 19 was taken up. President W. S. Sharp was invited to speak about Pfeiffer College. He spoke about its progress and about plans for the future. He paid high tribute to the Woman's Home Missionary Society. He invited the Conference to hold its next session here. The invitation was unanimously accepted.

Temperance.—Dr. Deets Pickett addressed the Conference about the present liquor situation. He said that there were hopeful signs of awakening interest in the temperance cause and that many who favored repeal are not satisfied with what we have now.

Statistician.—E. W. Mills read the Statistician's report. It was approved subject to necessary change. S. W. Johnson was re-elected Statistician for next year.

Treasurer.—The report of the Treasurer was read. It was approved subject to necessary change. W. H. Pless was re-elected Treasurer for next year. The Treasurer's report showed that World Service giving was about \$90 less than last year. One hundred and fifteen dollars was quickly subscribed to make up this deficiency. This is to be paid within two weeks.

Secretary.—The Secretary was instructed to have 1,500 copies of the Conference Minutes printed. W. A. Parsons was re-elected Secretary for next year. The journal of this session and of the following sessions was adopted without reading. The Secretary was authorized to edit the Minutes. On motion of the Secretary, the printed journal of this session was made the official record of the Conference.

Adjournment.—It was moved and carried that after the love feast, the sermon, the reading of appointments, and other necessary actions tomorrow the Conference shall stand adjourned subject to the call of the resident Bishop.

Harmonizing Statistics.—The committee appointed to harmonize the reports of the Treasurer and the Statistician reported progress. The committee was continued with the request that C. J. Winslow serve in place of A. W. Wellons, whose school duties prevent his giving time to this work. The Treasurer and the Statistician were requested to increase their staff next year so that a committee will not be needed.

Various Reports.—The report of the Auditing Committee was read by E. W. Mills. O. M. Vernon read the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. J. J. Wood reported for the Council of Churches in North Carolina. B. A. Culp read the report of the Committee on Evangelism. F. F. Frisbie read the report on Periodicals. These reports were severally received and adopted.

Dr. Burnett.—The hour had arrived for the anniversary of the Board of Home Missions. W. A. Parsons introduced Dr. J. S. Burnett. He spoke to the Conference about the work of the Board, and enlivened his discourse by reminiscences of his experiences within the bounds of the Conference. Mrs. Burnett was presented to the Conference.

Visitor.—Rev. O. E. Croy, pastor of the Methodist Church at Woodleaf, was introduced.

Appreciation.—Rising to a point of personal privilege, M. O. Fletcher expressed appreciation for his election as delegate to the Uniting Conference. C. M. White expressed appreciation for his election as reserve delegate.

Methodist Herald.—On motion of J. J. Wood, a committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the *Methodist Herald*. This was with the understanding that 500 paid-up subscriptions must be secured before December 1 to guarantee the continuance of the paper. D. A. Bailey, F. F. Frisbie, J. W. Clayton, and T. M. Starnes were the committee.

Evangelist.—C. M. White read a resolution commending the work of Rev. W. E. Armstrong and recommending that he be employed in evangelistic services. This was passed.

Messengers.—W. J. Plint was designated to bear the greetings of this Conference to the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. C. C. Benton was named as messenger to the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The Conference then adjourned.

Evening Session

The United Conference assembled in executive session after the evening service in the auditorium.

Committees.—W. J. Plint read the cabinet's nominations for Boards and Committees. The Boards and Committees were elected by the Conference.

Readmitted—Question 22.—Upon recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, M. A. Matheson, who had been located by this Conference at the session of 1926, was by vote of the Conference readmitted. On motion of C. M. White, he was placed in the retired relation. He expressed his appreciation and relinquished all claims on the Conference funds for this year.

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, M. L. Chappell, who had been located by this Conference in 1931, was re-admitted to the Conference.

This session was then adjourned.

FOURTH DAY

Sunday.

D. W. Haga conducted the love feast, in which many participated.

At 10.30 A. M. the Bishop, assisted by the superintendents and the Secretary, ordained as elders Robert C. Nimon, Carl K. Wright, and John F. Wyatt. Q. V. Amberson assisted in the ordination of Carl K. Wright. Mrs. Nimon and Mrs. Wyatt knelt beside their husbands during the ordination.

Bishop Wade preached at 11 A. M. to a large congregation a very impressive sermon from the text "Behold, I make all things new."

After the sermon the resolutions prepared by the Conference and those prepared by the Lay Conference were read and approved.

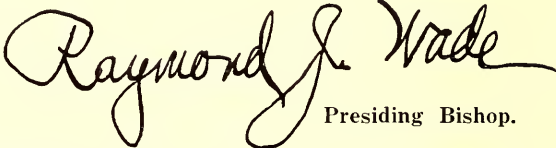
Bishop Wade made appropriate remarks and read the appointments for the ensuing year.

The ministers were requested to remain after the congregation broke up and when they had assembled in another room the Committee on Conference Relations made recommendation that H. H. Shaw be received on trial in the Conference and placed in studies of the third year. This was done. The Conference then stood adjourned subject to the call of the resident Bishop.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

This is to Certify that on Sunday, October 9, 1938, at Misenheimer, North Carolina, pursuant to the action of the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and assisted by several elders, I ordained as

Elders: Robert C. Nimon, Carl K. Wright, and John F. Wyatt.

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond J. Wade". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the title "Presiding Bishop".

Presiding Bishop.

Done at Misenheimer, North Carolina
October 9, 1938

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing is the Official **Journal** of the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in its sixty-first regular session held at Misenheimer, North Carolina, October 6 to 9, 1938.

Raymond J. Wade

President.

William A. Parsons

Secretary.

IV.

Disciplinary Questions

A. UNITED SESSIONS

1. Who are the members of the Lay Conference present, and who are its officers.

(See Miscellaneous Section, page 146, for list of members.)

President: J. L. Thornburg, Huntersville, North Carolina.

Secretary: Miss Mardecia Eaker, Bessemer City, North Carolina.

Treasurer: Miss Mardecia Eaker, Bessemer City, North Carolina.

2. Is the Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirements of the Discipline?

It is.

3. What Officers and Persons holding Moneys, Funds, etc., are Bonded and in what Amounts, According to the Requirement of the Discipline?

None.

4. What are the Statistical and Financial Reports for the year?

(a) From the Statistician. See Statistical Report.

(b) From the Treasurer. See Treasurer's Report.

(c) Other Items. See following reports: Report of Board of Stewards, Report of Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

5. (a) What are the Items and Aggregate of General Conference Benevolences Apportioned to this Conference?

World Service, \$5,568. Episcopal Fund, \$770. General Administration Fund, \$167. Total, \$6,505.

- (b) What amounts are fixed by this body as the minimum goals for General Conference Benevolences for the ensuing year?

World Service, \$5,568. Episcopal Fund, \$770. General Administration Fund, \$167. Total, \$6,505.

6. What Reports and Exhibits are presented by Conference Boards and Institutions?

None.

7. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?

See Treasurer's Report.

8. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?

No Report.

9. What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?

For Annuity distribution 384 years, multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of \$8.00 a year.....\$3,072 00

For Necessitous Distribution..... 300 00

Total\$3,372 00

10. (a) What has been received on these Claims?

From Balance Last Year.....	\$293 00
From the Chartered Fund.....	60 00
From Board of Pensions and Relief.....	302 00
From Annual Conference Investments.....	53 76
From Pastoral Charges.....	1,871 00
From Other Sources.....	81 00

Total\$2,660 76

(b) How has it been Applied?

See Report of Conference Stewards, page 127.

11. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants?

The equivalent of seven per cent of Pastors' Cash salaries (six per cent when there is no parsonage).

12. What are the Items and Aggregate of Annual Conference Benevolences approved by this body for the ensuing year?

For Conference Minute Fund, the equivalent of one per cent of the pastors' cash salaries. For Summer School Support, \$1.00 for each 100 members or fraction thereof. In Statesville District, for District Parsonage the equivalent of one per cent of pastors' salaries.

13. What approved financial campaigns are to be carried on in this Conference during the ensuing year, and for what amounts?

None.

14. What is the schedule for Minimum Support?

Not fixed.

15. What are the approved claims for the support of District Superintendents, Bishops, and Conference Claimants for the ensuing year?

For District Superintendents the equivalent of ten per cent of the pastors' cash salaries. For Bishops two and one-half per cent of pastors' salaries. For Conference Claimants seven per cent of pastors' cash salaries (six per cent when no parsonage is provided).

16. What shall be the Evangelistic and Religious Educational Plan for the ensuing year?

See Report on Evangelism.

17. What Standing Committees shall be appointed by this body?

See Boards, Commissions, Councils, and Committees. Page 102.

18. What other items of business shall be considered by this United Session?

None.

19. Where shall the next Session of the Conference be held?

Misenheimer, North Carolina.

B. ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION

20. Who have had their Credentials Restored without readmission to the Conference?

None.

21. Who have been Received by Transfer and from what Conference?
Z. V. Arthur, New England Southern Conference, March 2, 1938.
22. Who have been Readmitted?
(a) After Voluntary Location. C. C. Williams, located by this Conference, 1926.
(b) After Involuntary Location. M. L. Chappell, located by this Conference, 1931; M. A. Matheson, located by this Conference, 1926.
(c) After Restoration of Credentials. None.
(d) After Withdrawal. None.
(e) By Judicial Procedure or by General Conference. None.
23. Who have been received on Credentials and from what Churches?
None.
24. Who have been Received on Trial?
(a) In Studies of First Year.
None.
(b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule.
H. Howard Shaw.
(c) Exempt from Course of Study under Seminary Rule.
None.
25. Who have been Continued on Trial?
(a) In Studies of First Year.
None.
(b) In Studies of Second Year.
Charles W. Martin, Albert W. Wellons.
(c) In Studies of Third Year.
None.
(d) In Studies of Fourth Year.
None.
26. Who have been Discontinued?
W. Y. Stewart.
27. Who have been admitted into Full Membership?
(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.
None.
(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.
Robert C. Nimon, Lowell C. Stevens.
(c) Elected to be Ordained elsewhere.
None.
(d) Ordained Deacon, having been previously elected by . . .
Conference.
None.
28. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?
(a) Admitted into Full Membership.
None.
(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.
None.
29. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?
Louie A. Lewis, Vance A. Lewis, Lowell C. Stevens.
30. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?
(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.
Carl K. Wright, John F. Wyatt.
(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.
None.
(c) Elected and Ordained Elders Under the Seminary Rule.
Robert C. Nimon.

- (d) Elected to be Ordained elsewhere.
None.
- (e) Ordained Elder, having been previously Elected by . . .
Conference.
None.
- (f) Ordained elsewhere under our Election.
None.

31. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?

- (a) As Local Preachers.
None.
- (b) Under Seminary Rule.
None.
- (c) Under Missionary Rule.
None.
- (d) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.
None.

32. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?

- (a) As Local Deacons.
None.
- (b) Under Missionary Rule.
None.
- (c) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.
None.

33. Who have been left without Appointment to Attend One of our Schools?

None.

34. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?

This was strictly done in open Conference, as each name was called.

35. Who are accepted as Supply Pastors?

T. W. Bryant, L. W. Hall, G. E. Keeler, M. W. Mann, R. L. Phillips, J. W. Smith. (For orders see list on page 148.)

36. (a) What Accepted Supply Pastors now in charge are taking

I. The Conference Course of Study?

- 1. In the First Year.
G. E. Keeler.
- 2. In the Second Year.
None.
- 3. In the Third Year.
R. L. Phillips.
- 4. In the Fourth Year.
None.

II. The Local Preachers' Course of Study?

- 1. In the First Year.
J. W. Smith.
- 2. In the Second Year.
None.
- 3. In the Third Year.
None.
- 4. In the Fourth Year.
None.

(b) Was the Character of each Accepted Supply Pastor now in charge examined?

It was, by the Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors.

- (c) I. Are the District Committees on Qualifications of Local Preachers nominated by the District Superintendents approved?

They have not been nominated.

- (c) II. What Local Preachers have completed satisfactorily the studies prescribed?

1. For Deacon's Orders.

None.

2. For Elder's Orders.

None.

37. Who have been Transferred and to what Conference?

Q. V. Amberson, Alabama, October 9, 1938.

38. Who have Died?

W. L. Carter.

39. Who have had their Conference Membership Terminated?

(a) By Voluntary Location.

None.

(b) By Involuntary Location.

None.

(c) By Surrender of the Ministerial Office and Credentials.

None.

(d) By Judicial Procedure.

None.

(e) By Withdrawal.

(1) To Join the Ministry of another Church.

None.

(2) From the Ministry.

None.

(3) From the Ministry and Membership of the Church.

None.

(4) Under Complaints or Charges.

None.

40. What other personal Notations should be made?

None.

41. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?

None.

42. Who are the Retired Ministers?

A. S. Beaman, D. W. Haga, R. P. Jones, F. R. Lowry, M. A. Matheson, W. A. Patton, W. C. Warren, D. J. White.

43. Who have been granted Leave of Absence?

None.

44. Who are the Triers of Appeals?

D. A. Bailey, D. L. Earnhardt, V. A. Morton, W. H. Pless, C. J. Winslow.

Reserves: S. N. Bumgarner, D. H. Dennis.

45. What institutions and organizations are approved by three-quarters vote of the Conference for appointment of Ministers in the Effective Relation with Annuity Claim?

None.

46. Where are the Preachers Stationed?

See list of Appointments, page 119.

V.

Appointments

(All post offices are in North Carolina except as otherwise indicated. Names of supply pastors in parentheses.)

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

District Superintendent, C. C. Benton (5), Spruce Pine

Charge	Pastor	Post Office
Asheville.....	(G. E. Keeler), 2.....	97 Ashland Ave., Asheville
Asheville Circuit.....	D. H. Dennis, 2.....	R. R. 2, Asheville
Bakersville-Tipton Hill.....	H. H. Cash, 2.....	Bakersville
Bessemer City.....	A. W. Wellons, 2.....	Bessemer City
Bessemer City Circuit.....	(R. L. Phillips), 1.....	R. R. 1, Bessemer City
Boone.....	(To be supplied).....	Boone
Canton.....	J. F. Wyatt, 1.....	31 Newfound St., Canton
Canton Circuit.....	W. H. Pless, 8.....	R. R. 2, Candler
Casar.....	E. P. Greene, 3.....	Vale
Clyde.....	E. H. Spencer, 2.....	Clyde
Etowah.....	(L. W. Hall), 2.....	Etowah
Franklin.....	J. R. Bowman, 2.....	Franklin
Hickory.....	S. N. Bumgarner, 4.....	Wilkesboro
Kings Mountain.....	S. W. Johnson, 1.....	R. R. 3, Kings Mountain
Lansing.....	(To be supplied).....	Lansing
Leicester.....	J. R. Kirby, 2.....	Leicester
Linville-Montezuma.....	C. W. Martin, 2.....	Montezuma
Marion.....	J. J. Wood, 1.....	R. R. 2, Marion
Murphy.....	(To be supplied).....	Murphy
Newton.....	E. M. Graham, 3.....	Box 414, Newton
Pisgah.....	C. M. White, 3.....	Candler
Pine Mountain.....	(To be supplied).....	Trade, Tennessee
Saint Paul.....	L. C. Stevens, 1.....	Hamptonville
Shooting Creek.....	P. A. Barker, 4.....	Shooting Creek
Smith Chapel-Wesley		
Chapel.....	J. L. A. Bumgarner, 4....	Wilkesboro
South River.....	C. O. Plyler, 6.....	R. R. 5, Statesville
Sylva.....	C. C. Williams, 1.....	Canton
Traphill.....	D. L. Earnhardt, 2.....	Traphill
Wilkesboro.....	J. M. Wall, 2.....	R. R. 1, Wilkesboro
Zion.....	(M. W. Mann), 1.....	R. R. 5, Statesville

Special Appointments with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South: M. L. Chappell, 1; A. B. Dennis, 2; C. O. Newell, 2.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

District Superintendent, W. J. Plint (6), 1008 Fifth St., Statesville.

Charge	Pastor	Post Office
Ararat.....	(T. W. Bryant), 19.....	Ararat
Eureka-Parkville.....	(To be supplied).....	R. R. 2, Elizabeth City
Harkers Island.....	V. A. Lewis, 1.....	Harkers Island
Harmony.....	Y. D. Poole, 3.....	Harmony
Hatteras.....	(To be supplied).....	Hatteras
Huntersville.....	F. F. Frisbie, 2.....	R. R. 1, Derita
Lexington.....	(L. B. Spencer, Jr.), 2.....	1410 King St., High Point
Marshallberg.....	C. W. Guthrie, 3.....	Marshallberg
Midway.....	(To be supplied).....	Kannapolis
Misenheimer.....	R. C. Nimon, 3.....	Misenheimer
Morehead City and Circuit.....	(To be supplied).....	Morehead City
Mount Mitchell.....	E. W. Mills, 3.....	Kannapolis
Ocracoke.....	(M. W. Mann), 3.....	Ocracoke
Palestine-Chandler.....	D. A. Bailey, 2.....	R. R. 2, Albemarle
Parmele.....	M. O. Fletcher, 6.....	Washington
Pembroke-Bethel.....	(J. W. Smith), 6.....	Pembroke
Pembroke-Prospect.....	D. F. Lowry, 18.....	Pembroke
Pinebluff.....	L. A. Lewis, 1.....	Pinebluff
Portsmouth.....	H. H. Shaw, 3.....	Portsmouth, Va.
Statesville.....	W. A. Parsons, 1.....	1033 Boulevard, Statesville
Surry.....	S. J. Brawley, 5.....	R. R. 2, East Bend
Troy.....	Z. V. Arthur, 2.....	Troy
Walkertown.....	C. J. Winslow, 1.....	Walkertown
Whaleyville.....	(To be supplied).....	Whaley, Va.
Winston-Salem.....	B. A. Culp, 6.....	2730 Glenn Ave., Winston-Salem
Winston Circuit.....	V. A. Morton, 6.....	R. R. 3, Winston-Salem
Yadkin.....	S. J. Brawley, 5.....	R. R. 2, East Bend

Special Appointments with Methodist Episcopal Church, South: C. W. Guthrie, 1; E. W. Mills, 1; R. C. Nimon, 1; C. K. Wright, 2.

VI.

Reports

(a) DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

Dear Bishop and Brethren:

I wish to submit this, my fourth annual report as superintendent of the Asheville District. The Asheville District is comprised of 115 active churches, which are located in 26 different counties in Western North Carolina and the Piedmont section. These churches have been served this year by 27 pastors. These men have been faithful. It has been a real joy to work with them. Death has visited 2 of our parsonages during the year. I refer to the death of Mrs. E. H. Spencer and Mrs. S. N. Bumgarner.

In addition to the regular work as superintendent of the district, I have conducted nine revival meetings during the Conference year. Many of the pastors have had successful revival meetings which have resulted in a substantial gain in church membership. There has been nearly one thousand conversions in the churches of the district during the year. The Lord's Acre Plan has been worked quite successfully by several pastors. Two new brick church buildings have been erected and paid for on the Casar Charge. A modern new parsonage is being constructed at Marion. Pastors' reports will show a gain in nearly every item over that of last year.

But there is yet much to be done. The lack of missionary interest in some of our church schools is appalling. We have endeavored to make every church school missionary-minded through observing one Sunday in each month as Missionary Sunday. Several schools have responded. Many have not. There is need that we cultivate the spirit of unselfish giving. This can be done through the use of stewardship literature and special sermons upon this theme. The Lord's Acre Plan should be worked on every rural charge. This plan makes it possible for every member to become a contributor to the church budget.

There is need that we enlarge our evangelistic program through the use of such devotional books as the *Upper Room* and other church periodicals, personal evangelism, special instruction to the children and young people, and Decision Days, as well as the public revival services. Pastors should see that there is some kind of a religious periodical in every home of their parishioners. There should be a Discipline in every Methodist home. There is no doubt but what Methodism's success has been due to her evangelistic message and passion for the lost. May we never lose that passion nor forget our message.

Let us give more attention to those whose names appear on the inactive rolls of our churches. Many of them can be brought back into an active relationship to the church. Much care should also be given to keeping a neat and correct membership record according to the requirements of our Discipline.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. BENTON, District Superintendent.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

Dear Bishop and Brethren:

We are devotedly grateful to our Heavenly Father for the many blessings we have received during the year. For His watchful care over us, for a part in Kingdom building, and for reasonable prosperity, we rejoice. We wish to thank Bishop Brown for his kind and encouraging words, given not only through this year but through the years. Beyond words we appreciate the faithfulness and loyalty of both pastors and laymen for the past five years.

Since there exists little doubt that this is the last session when the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference will sit apart, we feel urged to state some things our pastors and laymen have accomplished during the years.

For Pastoral Support alone, \$67,500 cash has been paid. For Ministerial Support, \$79,800. To World Service, \$8,050 has been paid, and 700 members have been added to the rolls. Our percentage increases have been approximately (we have not the full figures for this year), Pastoral cash support, 50 per cent; Ministerial Support, 50 per cent; World Service, 100 per cent; and Church Membership, 13½ per cent. But figures cannot disclose the full story, mathematics fail to paint the full picture of devotion and loyalty on the part of pastors and laymen of the Statesville District.

The year, though a busy one, has been a delightful one. Reasonably good health has blessed pastors and laity. For this we are thankful. Pastoral cash support has been the best this year and more World Service has been paid this year than any year since 1929. Conversions and additions have been larger in number than any year since 1933. Notwithstanding this achievement, we are wondering if we have each done our very best.

We would leave to our worthy pastors the privilege of detail reports for their respective charges. However, three charges stand out so exceptionally, we feel we should be remiss if we did not name them and their gains, which through modesty their pastors might fail to mention. Midway Church voluntarily increased their pastor's support in the middle of the year. Huntersville promises to pay all claims "in full" for the first time in several years. And, the Winston Circuit has discovered its pastor during the year and will show the best report for years. Time forbids our relating other achievements, but our pastors will tell the story.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. PLINT, District Superintendent.

October 6, 1938.

(b) REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

We have audited the financial records of C. C. Benton and W. J. Plint, District Superintendents; of R. F. Reynolds, Treasurer of Conference Board of Stewards; of W. H. Pless, Conference Treasurer; and of W. A. Parsons, Conference Secretary; and have found them correct.

C. J. Winslow, J. Marvin Gance, Amasa Fulcher, E. W. Mills, Auditors.
October 8, 1938.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

Our high commission as Christians is to attest the truth of the gospel of our Lord, a gospel which proclaims the power of faith in Jesus Christ to regenerate men individually and socially; to lift life to the level of Kingdom ideals where it grows in richness, in depth, in joy, in power, and in all qualities necessary to meet the growing demands of our complex and changing world. In many ways the distinctions between right and wrong are not clearly drawn. Evils are too often made, socially or otherwise, the respectable and necessary thing "for these times." This is not a time, therefore, for any kind of withdrawal to strategic defense positions. We must do more than go back to fundamentals. In the light of today's needs, and in the power of the new visions we have had of Christ, we need an evangelistic emphasis more daring and far-reaching than ever we have had. We need to carry the fundamental and elemental verities of our faith into every area of human relationship, and to set up the standards of Christ's Kingdom there.

Every Methodist minister should remember that he is a commissioned evangelist. The spirit of Methodism is evangelistic, seeking not only conservation, but cultivation of the fruits of evangelistic effort in character and life. We believe in and are committed to the task of Christian education. We dare not fail in our emphasis on this element in evangelism, nor in our insistence that the evangelistic motive and spirit must dominate our Christian education. As preachers and laymen, we are under an unusual responsibility to "study to show ourselves approved unto God," that Christ's Way of life may be approved and accepted as the best way by the youth who look to us for light and guidance.

We believe in revivals through which men are born again, become children of God and citizens of His Kingdom. More and more earnestly must we endeavor to help men meet the responsibilities of this citizenship in every realm of human activity and relationship. Our aim is not any type of emotional demonstration, but a redeemed, transformed life that goes on to increasing fullness of every fruit of the Spirit.

Our evangelistic opportunities lie in every field of our work. In a very definite and real way workers among our young people, in Sunday school and Epworth League, are evangelists. Let us faithfully lead, encourage, and co-operate with our teachers and other leaders in their holy saving and training service. Let the evangelistic urge dominate all our ministry, for our first task is to bring men to Christ in purposeful dedication of all of life to his service. May we be more diligent in the evangelism of pastoral visitation.

Above all, in prayer and supplication and in all we do, let our crowning purpose in these days be the experiencing of the "heartwarming" that came to John Wesley in Aldersgate Street Chapel in our own hearts and in the hearts of all our people, and the bearings of abundant fruits of this experience in daily life everywhere, and in the carrying out of the whole program of our church for the salvation of the world.

B. A. CULP,
EDWARD M. GRAHAM,
C. J. WINSLOW,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS

It is largely true that a person is known by what he reads. The printed page imprints itself into the actions and living of the reader. Do we wish to be Bible Christians? Then we must spend time studying the Holy Book. Do we wish to be well-informed Methodists? Then the **Christian Advocate** and the **Methodist Herald** should make their regular visits to our homes. Do we wish to enrich our minds and to build our spiritual life well? Then use the **Upper Room** every day of the year with your whole family in home worship. Our Sunday schools would mean much more to us if we would form the habit of studying the lessons as given us in our own literature at home during the week. We are missing a rich fellowship with the great souls of the world if we fail to use these publications. The pastors will find that the use of these along with choice books will pay large dividends. Let us urge our people to let our Book Concern take care of their book and periodical needs.

We urge each minister and layman who is financially indebted to our Book Concern that he meet his obligation promptly. We are laborers together with Him.

F. F. FRISBIE,
AMASA FULCHER,
D. H. DENNIS,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We the Committee on Resolutions, in behalf of the members of the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference, in session in Pfeiffer Junior College, Misenheimer, North Carolina, wish to offer the following resolutions:

First—We wish to thank Dr. W. S. Sharp, President, and the Rev. R. C. Nimon, pastor-host of Pfeiffer Junior College, for their words of welcome; the college faculty and officials, for their splendid hospitality in entertaining the ministers and their wives and the lay delegates in their beautiful halls.

The special musical numbers rendered by artists of rare musical ability, accompanied by the talented pianists, have made the Conference sessions a delight.

We would especially call attention to the rare and outstanding addresses and letters from our fraternal delegates on Unification from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church.

Second—The impelling needs of our world today were presented in such a unique way by the various representatives of the different church boards as to offer a challenging opportunity to World Service. We tender a vote of thanks to Drs. John L. Wolfe, J. S. McElroy, C. L. Calkins, J. S. Burnett, Deets Picket, and Miss Lula B. Bryan.

Third—As we have been celebrating John Wesley's Aldersgate experience of the warming of the heart, we urge every pastor to renewed efforts for a revival of vital religious experience in the lives of our people.

Fourth—Bishop Raymond J. Wade, in his daily addresses to the Conference, inspired us with renewed and spiritual fervor to continue our tasks in the interest of the Saviour's Kingdom. The Bishop led the entire Conference to mountain-top experiences when we could say indeed, "Lord, it is good for us to be here." We shall ever remember our good Bishop's wise, able, and brotherly leadership in every session of the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
D. F. LOWRY,
D. A. BAILEY,
S. J. BRAWLEY,
J. R. BOWMAN,

Committee.

(c) REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON METHODIST CO-OPERATION

To the constituent bodies represented by the Commission on Methodist Co-operation,

Greeting:

The Commission met in annual session in the office of the editor of the **Christian Advocate**, Greensboro, on Thursday, September 29, with representatives of the three Methodist bodies in North Carolina present. After full deliberation, the Commission directed that the following report should be sent to the four Annual Conferences involved:

With the assured coming of Methodist Union within the next year, the purpose and work of the Commission on Methodist Co-operation draws to a close. That the work of the Commission has been fruitful in a closer fellowship and co-operation and in a larger sympathy and understanding between the groups represented, none will deny. Because of its work, the task of uniting the three Methodisms into one in this state will be made much easier. Looking toward that union we wish to review our work for the year, and to make some suggestions for the year ahead.

Approximating the date of John Wesley's heart-warming experience, May 24, three central celebrations were held under the direction of the Commission; namely, at Asheville, Charlotte, and Greensboro. Speakers representing the three branches of Methodism were on the program at each place. While the attendance was not large, it was representative, and a fine feeling of fellowship prevailed. Following these meetings a number of group meetings were held in various parts of the state, wherever two or more of the denominational units were in contact. These, too, were fruitful in a better understanding of our common Methodism. Under the direction of Bishop Paul B. Kern, a number of Aldersgate celebrations were held in centers not reached by the meetings held by the Commission. Wherever possible, speakers from the other two Methodisms had part on the programs, a gesture which they very greatly appreciate.

Now, looking forward to the new year, which will probably be the last in the separate existence of these three groups, there are certain suggestions we would like to present to the Conferences for their consideration:

1. We suggest the holding of one or more, perhaps several, mass meetings as soon as possible following the holding of the Uniting Conference, in which the work of the Uniting Conference might be reviewed, and all possible emphasis put upon the fact that we are actually one, awaiting only the working out of details to put the oneness into effect. If the Conferences approve this suggestion, the Commission will set up and direct the machinery necessary to carrying it out.

2. The Commission would like your approval also of the suggestion that two fact-finding Committees, geographically located and composed of two representatives from each of the three Methodisms, be set up to make a survey of all the territory where two or more of the groups have contact, the survey to ascertain the number of churches affected, their possible realignment, and such other facts as may be needed to relate the several churches or charges to the new program. This information to be made available to those who shall be responsible for co-ordinating the work of the now three Methodisms. If the suggestion is approved, the Commission has directed the Chairman and Secretary to name the personnel of the Committees.

3. Since no plan of Union, however perfect, can really succeed until there is also a spiritual unity, we think all possible effort ought to be made by this Commission during the year to bring the groups together in District Conferences, in worship and revival services, in young people's gatherings, and in united pastors' assemblies. We need desperately to

get acquainted. When we know each other, we shall love each other; and love will cast out any possible fear or misunderstanding.

We are hoping that literature may be made available following the Uniting Conference that will emphasize our common task and the fact and spirit of oneness. If this can be put into the hands of all our people before the three groups are merged, it will do much to further the success of union.

The Commission stands ready to help in any possible way the effort to bring our groups together, and is at the service of any and all agencies which may be charged with that task.

Respectfully submitted,

M. T. PLYLER, Chairman.

C. W. BATES, Secretary.

(d) REPORT OF WORLD SERVICE COUNCIL

The World Service Council of the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference submits the following report:

1. We heartily endorse the action of the Bishops and the World Service Commission in joint session at Evanston, Illinois, July 7, last, when they urged that this, our church, should make a serious effort to reach the 500,000 units suggested for the first year of the quadrennium when the Million Unit Fellowship Movement was inaugurated by the General Conference, at Columbus, Ohio, in May, 1936.

2. The share or quota for the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference in the 500,000 units for the whole church for the ensuing year is 464 units. We recommend that this quota of units be accepted by this Conference.

3. We recommend that our district superintendents be empowered to make proper and equitable distribution to each church or charge of the units to be raised, and we would urge every pastor to raise the units thus apportioned to his charge.

4. We recommend that a World Service Council or Committee on Benevolence be elected by every church or charge, as provided for by the Discipline (page 398, par. 1123, sec. 2), and that all collections on World Service be remitted to our Chicago office either monthly or quarterly.

5. We recommend that our pastors preach at least one sermon during the Conference year on the units of service included in our World Service program. This service should be held as early in the year as possible.

6. We recommend that our pastors avail themselves of the free literature, posters, and other printed matter available through the area office of Bishop Wallace E. Brown, or through the Chicago office of the World Service Commission.

7. We urge the observance of Million Unit Fellowship Week as announced for November 14 to 20. This special occasion to include the women of the church as well as the men.

8. We recommend that in every church Sunday school, the collections of one Sunday each month be given to World Service.

9. Most of all, we urge our church to pray for divine guidance and the blessing of Almighty God upon our efforts to build a better world and to send the glad gospel message of salvation throughout the whole world.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD M. GRAHAM, Chairman.

(e) REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS

Receipts

From:

Brought Forward.....	\$293 00	
Advocate Journal Fund.....	53 00	
Conference Investments.....	81 76	
Board of Pensions and Relief.....	302 00	
Chartered Fund.....	60 00	
Pastoral Charges.....	1,871 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,660 76

Disbursements

To Ministers:

Annuity.....	\$798 00	
Relief.....	175 00	
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To Widows:

Annuity.....	\$753 00	
Relief.....	201 00	
	<hr/>	\$954 00

To Children:

Annuity.....	\$52 00	
Relief.....	88 00	
	<hr/>	\$140 00

Clearing House Debit.....	351 00	
Expenses Board of Stewards.....	42 76	
Balance Forward.....	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,660 76

The Board of Pensions and Relief is holding \$1,611 permanent funds for this Conference. The interest this year was at the rate of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Annuity paid this year, \$4.60.

Disbursements to Claimants as follows:

A. S. Beaman.....	\$232 00	Mrs. J. S. Green.....	\$90 00
D. W. Haga.....	160 00	Mrs. P. M. Locklear.....	50 00
Roy P. Jones.....	110 00	Mrs. D. M. Matheson.....	5 00
F. R. Lowry.....	50 00	Mrs. J. F. Matney.....	75 00
W. A. Patton.....	175 00	Mrs. L. G. Penly.....	69 00
W. G. Warren.....	90 00	Mrs. J. B. Tucker.....	90 00
D. J. White.....	175 00	Mrs. Austin Wilson.....	60 00
Mrs. W. L. Carter.....	75 00	Elizabeth Wilson.....	35 00
Mrs. J. L. Dennis.....	110 00	Inez Wilson.....	35 00
Mrs. J. H. Fine.....	50 00	Austin Wilson.....	35 00
Mrs. J. M. Fowler.....	110 00	Lillian Wilson.....	35 00
Mrs. J. H. Gillespie.....	150 00		

R. F. REYNOLDS, Treasurer.

(f) CIRCUIT REPORTS—INDIVIDUAL CHURCH STATISTICS

Asheville District—Continued—1938

CIRCUITS (Churches)	PAID (Cash only)					Full Members.....	CHURCH SCHOOLS		PROPERTY	
	Pastor.....	District Superintendent.....	Bishop.....	Conference Chairmans.....	World Service...		Average Attendance.....	Expenses.....	Church Values..	Indebtedness....
LINVILLE-MONTEZUMA:										
Linville.....	\$200	\$13	\$1	\$1	\$7	140	70	\$54	\$2000	\$200
Altamont.....	125	12	3	9	6	68	40	20	1500	
Montezuma.....	50	3	1			48	35	18	2000	
Johnson Chapel.....	40					74	55	5	500	
Forest Home.....	18					63	60	4	500	
Liberty.....	27					64	49	3	1300	
MURPHY PARISH:										
Culberson.....	10	1		1	1	13			800	
Hampton Memorial.....	90	10	2	7	24	43	25	34	2000	
Reids Chapel.....	65	6	1	4	5	61	50	26	1150	
Unaka.....	18	2	1	1	3	27			800	
NEWTON:										
Newton.....	750	75	19	52	156	357	300	210	3000	27
Shiloh.....	300	30	7	21	36	131	80	40	3000	
PISGAH:										
Browns View.....	80	8	2	5	6	105	90	25	1500	
Davis Chapel.....	155	15	4	11	11	135	60	22	2200	
Piney Mountain.....	240	24	5	17	17	84	75	42	2700	
Reeves Chapel.....	55	7	2	5		136	124	35	1500	
PINE MOUNTAIN PARISH:										
Green Valley.....	70	4	1	3	2	145	41	6	1120	
Martins Chapel.....	21	1				50	29	1	1014	
Rocky Creek.....	21	3	1	1	2	40	39	5	450	
Roundabout.....	60	5	1	3	10	37	53	5	338	
Little Laurel.....	20	3				58	37	4	395	
Big Laurel.....	49	4		3	2	13	40	6	1130	
Roaring Fork.....	5	2				20			337	
Pleasant Hill.....						13			338	
Laurel Spring.....	7	2			1	24	38	5		
Snyders Chapel.....	3	1				27	36	4		
Walnut Grove.....							35	3		
SAINT PAUL:										
Asbury.....	175	17	4	12	24	152	65	16	3000	
Mt. Grove.....	50	5	1	4	9	62	45	10	2000	
Saint Paul.....	162	16	4	11	20	102	48	20	3000	
Wesley Chapel.....	38	3	1	3	5	50	45	10	3000	
SHOOTING CREEK:										
Marshall Chapel.....	65	6	1	4	9	52	25	12	1225	
Ledfords Chapel.....	10	1		1	1	31			500	
Hickory Grove.....	36	3	1	2	1	31	30	14	800	
TEMPLE HILL-SMITH CHAPEL:										
Temple Hill.....	75	7	2	5	15	123	51	12	2500	
Smith Chapel.....	50	5	1	3	10	57	50	12	1500	
TRAPHILL:										
Charity.....	48	5	1	2	2	130	61	9	1400	
Traphill.....	62	6	1	2	5	61	29	11	1400	
White Rock.....	35	4		1	2	65	58	11	1000	
Union Hill.....	50	5	1	2	5	66	43	9	1200	
Antioch.....	40	4		2	3	50	43	9	1200	
Rich Hill.....	20	2		1	3	16	47	7	1000	
WILKESBORO:										
Arbor Grove.....	149		3	11	11	125	65		2000	
Dunkirk.....	6	2				22	20		500	
Eschol.....	14	1		2	2	5	5			
Friendship.....	200	20	5	14	12	183	75		2000	
Oak Grove.....	5					14	15		100	
ZION:										
Friendship.....	200	20	5	14	16	130	80	20	2500	
Mountain View.....	200	20	5	14	12	140	50	13	2100	
Fairmount.....	185	19	4	13	12	100	70	17	2100	
Sandy Ridge.....	37	3	1	2		53	25		1500	

(f) CIRCUIT REPORTS—INDIVIDUAL CHURCH STATISTICS

Statesville District—1938

CIRCUITS (Churches)	PAID (Cash only)					Full Members.....	CHURCH SCHOOLS		PROPERTY	
	Pastor.....	District Superintendent..	Bishop.....	Conference Claimants.....	World Service...		Average Attendance.....	Expenses.....	Church Values..	Indebtedness...
ARARAT:										
Ararat.....	\$150	\$5	\$5	\$10	\$36	80	20	\$8	\$3500	.....
Blackwater.....	12	5				48	40	7	1500	.....
Mountain View.....	20	5				22	60	7	1000	.....
Maple Grove.....	18	5				17	60	6	1000	.....
HARMONY:										
Mitchell.....	250	25	5	17	16	165	65	45	3600	.....
New Union.....	84	8	1	5	6	72	35	32	3500	.....
Chestnut Grove.....	100	10	2	7	2	65	30	27	2000	.....
Harmony.....	169	15	3	10	12	120	35	32	6000	.....
HUNTERSVILLE:										
Asbury Chapel.....	575	57	14	40	127	156	74	48	3000	.....
Oak Grove.....	325	33	9	23	42	91	40	20	1500	.....
LEXINGTON:										
Bethany.....	150	15	3	10	20	79	50	12	8000	\$1500
Burnetts.....	50	5	1	3	13	40	40	9	1250	.....
Fairview.....	50	5	1	3	8	32	30	6	750	.....
Robbins.....	50	5	2	2	7	14			600	.....
MISENHEIMER:										
Misenheimer.....	300	30	7	21	104	46	113	80	1500	.....
Matans Grove.....	135	13	4	8	25	89	50	27	1500	.....
Bethlehem.....	200	20	5	14	48	73	65	41	1500	.....
PALESTINE:										
Chandlers.....	130	14	3	8	19	35	30	10	1000	.....
Hillsboro.....	50	5	2	3	13	12	26		500	.....
Palestine.....	325	32	8	19	113	251	172	73	2500	.....
PEMBROKE-BETHEL										
Bethel.....	45	4	1	2	1	65	35	10	1500	.....
Sandy Plains.....	65	6	1	3	1	45	22	12	1000	.....
Pleasant Grove.....	51	5	1	3	1	33	20	4	1000	.....
Hopewell.....	19	2		1	1	23			700	.....
Sampson Memorial.....	35	4	1	2	1	28			1000	.....
PINEBLUFF:										
Pinebluff.....	650	60	15	42	110	83	45	84	12000	.....
Eagle Springs.....	102	10	3	7	24	55	24	13	1200	.....
SURRY:										
Level Cross.....	100	10	2	7	1	65	45	12	2500	.....
Stanford.....	36	4	1	2	1	43			1000	.....
Pine Hill.....	49	5	1	3	1	87	25	9	750	.....
TROY:										
New Bethany.....	49	5	1	3	4	90	30	12	1500	.....
Mt. Olivet.....	43	4	1	3	8	63	36	22	1000	.....
Parsons Grove.....	62	6	2	4	5	106	33	6	1000	.....
Troy.....	200	21	5	14	19	44	59	30	2500	.....
WALKERTOWN:										
Antioch.....	100	10	2	7	18	55	60	28	2000	.....
Morris Chapel.....	800	90	20	56	81	220	171	120	16000	.....
WINSTON-SALEM:										
Mt. Pleasant.....	370	37	9	26	63	165	140	186	3700	.....
Elm Grove.....	400	40	10	28	66	116	46	72	2000	.....
Pisgah.....	268	26	6	18	48	187	85	125	3600	.....
YADKIN:										
New Home.....	250	25	6	17	18	185	86	35	1500	.....
Shady Grove.....	46	4	1	3	1	57	27	9	750	.....
Mt. Olivet.....	70	7	2	5		106	35	14	1000	.....
PEMBROKE-BLADEN:										
First M. E. Church.....	80	8	3	6	16	72	75	40	15000	.....
Bladen.....	75	2	1	1	5	74	35	12	1000	.....
Hickory Grove.....	27	2	1	1	1	45	25		500	.....
Fairview.....	23	2	1	1	1	49	30		500	.....
Prospect.....	75	7	1	5	5	137	80	30	1000	.....

STATISTICIAN'S AND TREASURER'S REPORTS

(g) **STATISTICIAN'S REPORT—ASHEVILLE DISTRICT (continued)**

NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS	CHURCH SCHOOLS	EPWORTH LEAGUE	CHURCH PROPERTY	MISCELLANEOUS
		Church School Current Expenses..... Total Enrollment in all Departments..... Officers and Teachers... Number of church Schools.....	Juniors..... Intermediate..... Senior and Young People.....	Current Expenses, Not Including Ministerial Support..... Present Indebtedness, including Debt on Current Expenses.... Paid on Old Indebtedness, not including Interest..... Paid for Interest on Indebtedness..... Paid for Building and Improvements..... Value of Other Properties, Endowments, Bonds, Etc..... Estimated Value of Land and Buildings... Parsonages..... Estimated Value of Land and Buildings... Church Buildings.....	No. of Congregations or Preaching Places... Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society... Subscribers to the Advocates..... Local Preachers.....
Asheville.....	G. E. Keeler.....	14 206	34	\$290	1
Bakersville.....	D. H. Dennis.....	43	70	70	3
Bessemer City.....	H. H. Cash.....	21	40	133	2
Bessemer City Circuit.....	A. W. Wellons.....	9	12	50	10
Boone.....	C. J. Winslow.....	83		5500	2
Canton.....	L. R. Wood.....	243	30	25	10
Canton Circuit.....	L. A. Lewis.....	15	37	24	14
Casar.....	W. H. Pless.....	11	25	100	41
Clyde.....	E. P. Greene.....	23	57	146	139
Etowah.....	E. H. Spencer.....	21	31	96	25
Franklin-Sylva.....	L. W. Hall.....	301	38	3500	2
Hickory.....	J. R. Bowman.....	20	28	75	50
Kings Mountain.....	S. N. Bumgarner.....	13	25	17	2
Leicester.....	W. A. Parsons.....	178	48	\$115	1
Linville-Montezuma.....	M. L. Chappell.....	15	13	2500	5
Murphy.....	J. R. Kirby.....	22	27	62	1
Newton.....	C. W. Martin.....	237	8	156	20
Pine Mountain Parish.....	J. F. Wyatt.....	289	16	16	6
Shooting Creek.....	P. A. Barker.....	40	60	100	4
South River.....	C. M. White.....	33	70	65	1
Temple Hill-Smiths Chapel.....	L. C. Stevens.....	188	26	179	10
Tipton Hill.....	V. A. Lewis.....	72	60	30	11
Traphill.....	P. A. Barker.....	110	60	129	2
Wilkesboro.....	C. O. Plyler.....	55	30	27	13
Zion.....	J. L. A. Bumgarner.....	32	47	38	4
Totals, 1938.....	H. H. Cash.....	9	22	15	25
Totals, 1937.....	D. L. Earnhardt.....	43	88	175	14
Increases.....	J. M. Wall.....	631	1003	\$2484	30
Decreases.....	R. L. Phillips.....	619	717	\$18495	1960
		12	286	\$1033	30
			147	1677	106
				\$524	91
				\$844	
				\$54	
				\$115	
				\$2145	
				\$512	
				\$66	
				\$240	
				\$18495	
				\$1738	
				\$503	

(g) STATISTICIAN'S REPORT—STATESVILLE DISTRICT

NAMES OF CHARGES	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT										CHURCH MEMBERSHIP																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																		
	PASTOR		DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS		BISHOPS		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS		Total Paid for Ministerial Support.		Total Deficiency.		BAPTISMS	PREPARATORY	FULL MEMBERSHIP																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																														
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(g) STATISTICIAN'S REPORT—STATESVILLE DISTRICT (continued)

NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS										CHURCH SCHOOLS			EPWORTH LEAGUE		CHURCH PROPERTY							MISCELLANEOUS											
											Number of church Schools.....	Officers and Teachers...	Total Enrollment in all Departments.....	Church School Current Expenses.....	Senior and Young People.....	Intermediate.....	Juniors.....	Church Buildings.....	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings...	Parsonages.....	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings...	Value of Other Properties, Endowments, Bonds, Etc.....	Paid for Building and Improvements.....	Paid for Interest on Indebtedness.....	Paid on Old Indebtedness, not including Interest.....	Present Indebtedness, including Debt on Current Expenses....	Current Expenses, Not Including Ministerial Support.....	Local Preachers.....	Subscribers to the Advocates.....	Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society.....	No. of Congregations or Preaching Places...			
Ararat.....	T. W. Bryant.....	4	24	240	\$28												4	\$7000													1	1		4
Eureka-Parkville.....	J. M. Smith.....	2	12	95	17												3	4500													2	2	\$120	3
Harkers Island.....	T. E. Pierce.....	2	10	165	45												1	2000													1	1		1
Harmony-Mitchell.....	Y. D. Poole.....	1	33	358	98	48											4	13100			\$500	600		\$142	\$5					3	190	4		
Hatteras.....																	1	2000																
Huntersville.....	F. F. Frisbie.....	2	20	203	68	72	15										2	4500				92									22	62	2	
Lexington.....	L. R. Spencer, Jr.....	3	17	162	27	22											4	10600				6500									7	180	4	
Marshallburg.....	C. W. Gudrine.....	1	13	150	50												1	3500													4	44	1	
Midway.....	E. W. Mills.....	1	16	300	152	63	20										1	7000													20	180	1	
Misenheimer.....	R. C. Nimon.....	3	38	393	148	100											3	4500				450									3	63	3	
Morehead City.....	W. Y. Stewart.....	1	14	164	111	30											1	12500				230									1	1		
Morehead Circuit.....	T. E. Pierce.....	2	10	132	15												3	11200													1	3		
Mount Mitchell.....	E. W. Mills.....	1	10	174	97												1	5000				4700									15	800	1	
Ocracoke.....	M. W. Mann.....	1	22	181	104												1	3200				50									2	120	3	
Palestine-Chandler.....	D. A. Bailey.....	2	15	289	83	35											3	4500				200									14	73	3	
Parmele.....	M. O. Fletcher.....	1	5	65	17												1	3000													2	20	1	
Pembroke-Bethel.....	J. W. Smith.....	3	15	127	25												5	5200				35									15	800	2	
Pembroke-Bladen.....	D. F. Lowry.....	5	42	488	50	98											5	18000				100									2	15	300	5
Pinebluff.....	Q. V. Amberson.....	2	17	145	97	36											2	13200				65									2	476	1	
Portsmouth, Va.....	H. H. Shaw.....	1	14	170	114												1	3700													1	1		
Statesville.....	S. W. Johnson.....	1	19	356	306	35	27										1	15500				40									2	1	3	
Surry.....	S. J. Brawley.....	2	10	130	21												3	4250														1	50	3
Troy.....	Z. V. Arthur.....	4	22	239	70	30											4	6000				207									3	112	4	
Wakertown.....	J. J. Wood.....	2	21	331	148	73											2	18000														25	65	2
Walesville, Va.....	J. S. Johnston.....	1	14	473	95												1	1000														1	1	
Winston-Salem.....	B. A. Culp.....	3	51	432	383	30											3	15000				25									2	6	3	
Winston Circuit.....	V. A. Morton.....	3	19	225	58												3	9300				500									2	250	3	
Yadkin.....	S. J. Brawley.....																	3250				50									1	1		
Totals, 1938.....		56	503	6187	\$2427	672	27	35	65	\$23500	16	\$3250	\$8380	\$14524	\$154	\$582	\$14870	\$2110	15	142	3249	\$63									142	3249	63	
Totals, 1937.....		59	503	5889	2134	594	39	69	65	248750	17	34150	5200	6364	214	633	13688	2732	14	65	2802	65									14	65	2802	65
Increase.....				298	\$293	78	12	34		\$35250	1	\$900	\$3180	\$7160	\$60	\$51	\$1182	\$622	1	77	\$447	2									77	\$447	2	
Decrease.....																																		
ENTIRE CONFERENCE—																																		
Totals, 1938.....		149	1134	14252	\$4617	1675	128	270	171	\$475379	42	\$75465	\$9845	\$24565	\$666	\$1615	\$33365	\$4564	45	339	\$5490	177									45	339	\$5490	177
Totals, 1937.....		150	1122	13352	4138	1311	78	157	176	538004	43	78510	6550	12950	780	2310	31943	4692	44	171	4540	178									44	171	4540	178
Increase.....			12	900	\$479	364	50	113	5	\$62925	1	\$3045	\$2295	\$11615	\$114	\$605	\$1422	\$88		168	\$950	1									168	\$950	1	
Decrease.....																																		

(h) TREASURER'S REPORT—ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

NAMES OF CHARGES	DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES				OTHER ITEMS				Annual Conf. Benevolences, etc.				Grand Total, Disciplinary and Annual Conference Benevolences, and Other Items					
	World Service on Apportionment	World Service Additional	Total World Service	Children's Day Fund (Board of Education)	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	SUPPORT OF			General Administration Fund	Total Other Items						
								District Superintendents	Bishops (Episcopal Fund)	Conference Claimants								
Asheville	\$49		\$49				\$49	\$10	\$3	\$7		\$20			\$1		\$70	
Alexville Circuit	51		51				51	54	13	36		103					154	
Bakersville	26		26				26	40	10	29		79					105	
Bessemer City	65	\$6	71			\$70	141	40	10	24	\$2	76	\$1		4	\$2	7	224
Bessemer City Circuit	55	2	57				57	64	16	44		124				1		181
Boone	24		24				24	22				22						47
Canton	46		46				46	105	26	46		177						223
Canton Circuit	54		54				54	120	30	72		222			12	6	18	294
Casar	32		32				32	45	10	31		86						118
Clyde	44	6	50				50	35	7	21	2	65						115
Etowah	24		24				24	25	1	1		27						51
Franklin-Sylva	10		10				10	17	1	1		19				1		30
Hickory	30		30				30	30	7	21		58						88
Kings Mountain	221	12	233	\$2		79	314	120	30	84	9	243			12		12	569
Lansing	10		10				10	16	3	7		26						36
Leicester	24		24				24	78	19	54		151						175
Linville-Montezuma	13		13				13	28	5	10		43						56
Marion	123	10	133			12	145	70	17	49		136			7	3	10	291
Murphy Parish	33		33				33	19	4	14	1	38			2			75
Newton	202		202				202	105	26	73	2	206			10		14	422
Pisgah	34	5	39				39	54	14	38		106			5	3	13	158
Pine Mountain Parish	12	5	17				17	25	3	10		38			4		8	63
Saint Paul	58		58				58	43	10	30		83						145
Shoading Creek	11		11				11	11	2	10	1	24			1		2	37
South River	12		12				12	9	2	4		15						27
Temple Hill-Smith's Chapel	20	10	30	5			35	13	3	8	1	25			1		1	61
Tipton Hill	7		7				7	15	3	11		29						36
Traphill	20		20				20	26	3	10		39				2	2	61
Wilkesboro	30	4	34				34	38	8	27	5	78						112
Zion	40		40				40	62	15	43		120			4		4	164
1938 Totals	\$1380	\$60	\$1440	\$7		\$161	\$1608	\$1339	\$301	\$815	\$23	\$2478	\$18		\$67	\$17	\$102	\$4188
1937 Totals	1559	19	1578	15	\$1	182	1776	1261	289	802	28	2380	21		86		107	4263
Increases		\$41		\$8		\$21	\$168	\$78	\$12	\$13	\$5	\$98			\$19	\$17		\$75
Decreases	\$179		\$138										\$3					

NAMES OF CHARGES	DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES			OTHER ITEMS				Annual Conf. Benevolences, etc.					Grand Total, Disciplinary and Annual Conference Benevolences, and Other Items					
	World Service on Apportionment	World Service Additional	Total World Service ...	Children's Day Fund (Board of Education)...	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	Support of			General Administration Fund	Total Other Items		Summer School Fund....	District Parsonage.....	Minutes Publication Fund	Uniting Conf. Fund	Total Annual Conference Benevolences, etc.
								District Superintendents.....	Bishops (Episcopal Fund).....	Conference Claimants.....								
Ararat.....	\$36		\$36			\$1	\$36	\$20	\$5	\$10		\$35			\$2		\$2	\$73
Eureka-Parkville.....	10		10				11	12	1	3		16			1		1	28
Harkers Island.....	54		54				54	27				27						81
Harmony and Mitchell.....	36		36				36	60	12		\$2	113			6	\$3	9	138
Huntersville.....	174		174	\$2			176	90	23	63	6	182			9	4	13	371
Lexington.....	53		53				53	30	7	19	3	59			2		4	116
Marshallburg.....	100		100				100	80	20	56	3	159			8		8	267
Midway.....	135	10	145			42	187	60	15	42	5	122			6		6	315
Misenheimer.....	182		182			103	285	63	16	43	4	126			5	4	9	420
Morehead City.....	30		30				30	90	22	54		166			9		9	205
Morehead Circuit.....	1		1				1											2
Mount Mitchell.....	96		96				96	50	12	35		97						193
Oraoke.....	125		125			63	188	65	16	45	4	130			6		6	324
Palestine-Chandler.....	144		144	7			151	51	13	31		95			5	10		256
Parmele.....	41		41				41	25	6	17	1	49			3	2	5	95
Pembroke-Bethel.....	5		5				5	21	4	11		36						41
Pembroke-Bladen.....	28		28				28	21	7	14		42						70
Pinebluff.....	134	9	143	2	\$27		172	70	18	40	4	141			7	4	11	324
Portsmouth, Va.....	144		144	4			148	70	17	49	4	140						288
Statesville.....	147	21	168				168	120	30	84		234				5	5	407
Surry.....	3		3				3	19	4	12		35						38
Troy.....	43		43				43	36	9	24		69			4	2	6	118
Waketown.....	99		99	1			100	90	22	63	5	180			8	9	25	305
Walesville.....	12		12				12	8										21
Winston-Salem.....	110		110				110	130	32	78	5	245			10	1	10	365
Winston-Salem Circuit.....	177		177				177	103	25	72	6	206			3	10	6	412
Yadkin.....	18		18				18	36	9	25		70						88
1938 Totals.....	\$2107	\$70	\$2177	\$16	\$27	\$209	\$2429	\$1448	\$345	\$938	\$52	\$2783	\$6	\$20	\$102	\$41	\$160	\$5381
1937 Totals.....	1962	58	2020	25	33	182	2260	1412	329	892	48	2681	8	21	97		126	5067
Increases.....	\$145	\$12	\$157	\$9	\$6	\$27	\$169	\$36	\$16	\$46	\$4	\$102		\$5	\$5	\$41	\$43	\$314
Decreases.....																		
ENTIRE CONFERENCE																		
1938 Totals.....	\$3487	\$130	\$3617	\$23	\$27	\$370	\$4037	\$2787	\$646	\$1753	\$75	\$5261	\$24	\$20	\$169	\$58	\$271	\$9569
1937 Totals.....	3521	77	3598	40	34	364	4036	2673	618	1694	76	5061	29	21	183		233	9330
Increases.....		\$53	\$19			\$6	\$1	\$114	\$28	\$59		\$200		\$5	\$1	\$58	\$38	\$239
Decreases.....	\$34			\$17	\$7						\$1				\$14			

(i) REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

Report of O. M. Vernon, Conference Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference, for the year, beginning October 6, 1937, and ending October 5, 1938.

Receipts		Disbursements	
Oct. 22, 1937, Check.....	\$543 75	Oct. 22, 1937, C. C. Benton.	\$295 00
Jan. 24, 1938, Check.....	520 00	W. J. Plint...	248 75
April 22, 1938, Check.....	520 00	Jan. 24, 1938, C. C. Benton.	295 00
July 23, 1938, Check.....	520 00	Jan. 24, 1938, W. J. Plint...	225 00
		April 22, 1938, C. C. Benton.	295 00
		April 22, 1938, W. J. Plint...	225 00
		July 23, 1938, C. C. Benton.	295 00
		July 23, 1938, W. J. Plint...	225 00
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	\$2,103 75		\$2,103 75
Church Extension			
July 9, 1938, Check.....	\$240 00	July 9, 1938, C. C. Benton.	\$240 00
Sept. 24, 1938, Check.....	240 00	James Pratt Memorial, New Home, N. C.	
		Sept. 24, 1938, C. C. Benton.	240 00
		Reeps Grove Church, Frank Naylor Memorial.	
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	\$480 00		\$480 00
Grand Totals.....	\$2,583 75		\$2,583 75

Reverently submitted,
O. M. VERNON, Treasurer.

(j) REPORT OF LAYMEN'S COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

The Lay Conference, as it comes to the close of one of its most pleasant and constructive sessions, pauses to give credit for some things that have served to make our sojourn here worth while.

We thank God for His goodness and care. We reaffirm our faith in Him and rededicate our lives to His service.

We commend Bishop Wade and the membership of the ministerial Conference for their co-operation, and especially for the signal way in which they have recognized us and the importance of our division of the Conference work.

Finally, we record our deep and lasting appreciation of everything that has been done for our comfort and to make our visitation homelike and welcome, by the president, faculty, and student body of Pfeiffer College, as well as the affable and helpful attitude on the part of Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Nimon.

Respectfully submitted this October 8, 1938,
J. MARVIN GLANCE,
AMASA FULCHER,
MRS. H. F. SNOW,
Committee.

(k) WORLD SERVICE ASKINGS, 1938-39

Bessemer City, 8; Bessemer Circuit, 10; Canton, 17; Canton Circuit, 17; Casar, 7; Clyde, 8; Franklin, 3; Hickory, 6; Kings Mountain, 20; Marion, 12; Murphy, 6; Newton, 18; St. Paul, 7; Shooting Creek, 5; Smith-Wesley, 3; South River, 2; Sylva, 2; Traphill, 5; Wilkesboro, 6; Zion, 8. (170 Units.)
Ararat, 4; Harmony, 8; Huntersville, 15; Lexington, 5; Palestine, 12; Parmele, 4; Pembroke-Bethel, 4; Prospect, 6; Pinebluff, 15; Portsmouth, 13; Statesville, 20; Surry, 2; Troy, 9; Walkertown, 10; Winston Circuit, 15; Winston-Salem, 15; Yadkin, 3. (160 Units.)

VII.

Memoirs

(a) REV. D. D. BAILEY

The Rev. David Dawson Bailey was born in Tyrell County, North Carolina, November 11, 1864, and departed this life May 16, 1938, aged seventy-two years, six months, and five days.

He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the age of eighteen, and was licensed to preach at twenty-one, and served as supply pastor of Ocracoke-Portsmouth Mission of that church in 1886.

He joined the Atlantic Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1902. He was ordained deacon, at Parmele, by Bishop Earl Cranston, 1905, and elder, at Elizabeth City, by Bishop Cranston, 1908.

He served Powelton, Virginia; Hatteras, Ocracoke, Morehead City, and Hamlet, in the Atlantic Mission Conference; and transferred to the Blue Ridge Conference, 1910; and served Walkertown and Harmony. He became an original member of the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference in 1912, and served Kannapolis, Casar, and Hickory until 1917, when he moved to the Georgia Conference and served Towns County Circuit, Ellijay, and Chickamauga. In 1920 he transferred to the Alabama Conference and served the following charges: Brewton, Hayden, New Home, Rosa, Massey, Bremen, Wadley, and Antioch. He retired in the fall of 1930. In 1931 he returned to his native state and served as supply pastor of the Murphy Circuit, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference, for four years.

He married Miss May Harkins, who with their three children survive him. Miss Ruby, a teacher in Alabama, and Miss Inez and Kenneth at home. One brother and several nephews and nieces also survive.

He was a sound and earnest preacher of the gospel, counting all earthly gain as dross, that he might proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ. With Paul he could say, "In respect of want, I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need, but I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

"Servant of God, well done!

Thy glorious warfare's past.

The battle's fought, the victory won,

And thou art crowned at last."

The funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Revs. W. A. Parsons, C. J. Winslow, A. W. Wellons, and J. O. Ervin, at Mt. Bethel Church, near Hickory, North Carolina, and his body rests in the cemetery nearby awaiting the resurrection morn.

C. M. WHITE.

(b) REV. W. L. CARTER

Walter Lee Carter was born July 29, 1868. He was married to Martha J. Sides December 9, 1888. She is living, as are three sons, H. L., George, and Fred; and three daughters, Mrs. M. L. Hatley, Mrs. C. H. Herlocker, and Miss Nellie Carter. One brother, Travis Carter, is living. There are twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Brother Carter had been feeble for several months. He passed away April 18, 1938—nearly seventy years old.

He joined Palestine Methodist Episcopal Church, near his home in Stanley County, when he was eighteen years old. He was received on trial in the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference at the session of 1915. He served Hamlet Charge, three years; Ararat, two; Traphill, one; Chandler, one; Morehead Circuit, one; Hamlet again, three; Sampson Memorial, three. He was granted the retired relation in 1931. His service was sacrificial and involved much tiresome travel.

The funeral was conducted in Palestine Church and was attended by a large concourse of people who knew, loved, and respected him. There were numerous floral offerings. Rev. Mr. Holmes, pastor of the local Baptist Church, Rev. R. C. Nimon and Rev. W. A. Parsons assisted the pastor, Rev. D. A. Bailey, in the service. The Woodmen conducted the service at the grave.

D. A. BAILEY.
W. A. PARSONS.

(c) MRS. S. N. BUMGARNER

Amelia Dancy Bumgarner was born June 1, 1872, departed this life, April 21, 1938. Age, sixty-five years, ten months, twenty-one days.

She was united in marriage to Rev. S. N. Bumgarner January 15, 1893. To this union was born nine children. Five living, Mrs. T. A. Durie, Miss Pantha Bumgarner, Jeter, Spencer, and Wiley Bumgarner. Three dead, Joseph, Lelia, and Roy Bumgarner, and Bobbie Bumgarner, unknown. Also thirteen grandchildren and a host of friends mourn her passing.

She was converted at the age of sixteen and joined the Baptist Church, but soon after her marriage she moved her membership to Friendship Methodist Episcopal Church and remained a faithful member until her death. She was always ready to go and help her husband in the work of the church as long as she lived. She was a loving mother and a faithful companion. Always ready to help in every good work.

Our loss is her eternal gain.

There is a land of pure delight,
Where saints immortal reign;
Infinite day excludes the night,
And pleasures banish pain.

There everlasting spring abides,
And never-withering flowers;
Death, like a narrow sea, divides
This heavenly land from ours.

E. M. GRAHAM.

(d) MRS. METTA COLEY SPENCER

Mrs. Metta Coley Spencer, wife of Rev. E. H. Spencer, pastor of the Boone Charge, died at the family residence near Newton Sunday, November 21. The deceased had been an invalid for a number of years. Sister Spencer lived a consecrated Christian life and was a real helpmeet to Brother Spencer in his ministerial labors. She died in the triumph of a living faith in her Saviour, stating to the writer a few days before her departure from this life that "all is well within my soul." Funeral services were conducted the day following her decease by Rev. Edward M. Graham, of Newton, and Rev. W. A. Parsons, of Kings Mountain, and burial was made in the Newton cemetery.

A faithful handmaiden of the Lord has ended her earthly labors and gone to be with Jesus and to enter upon that heavenly rest "that remaineth for the people of God."

E. M. GRAHAM.

VIII.

Our Honored Dead

(a) MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE

NAME	BORN	ADMITTED TO CONFERENCE	DIED	BURIED
F. M. Fanning.....	Nov. 27, 1812	Holston.....1837	April 1, 1881	Fannings Chapel
J. N. Barker.....	Feb. 1818	Va. and N. C....1868	April 10, 1886	Alexander Co.
R. M. Witt.....	May 3, 1832	Holston.....1869	May 28, 1890	Leicester
D. M. Clayton.....	Dec. 8, 1846	Holston.....1878	Sept. 19, 1891	Avery's Creek
W. F. Parker.....	July 23, 1829	Holston.....1849	Jan. 30, 1892	Waynesville
Wm. Franklin.....	Mar. 24, 1865	Blue Ridge.....1888	April 6, 1892	Murphy
R. A. F. Smith.....	.....	Blue Ridge.....1888	.....	1893 New Union
S. D. Tipton.....	Jan. 15, 1850	Blue Ridge.....1890	July 24, 1893	Tipton Cemetery
J. W. Naylor.....	Feb. 24, 1820	Va. and N. C....1867	May 20, 1894	Bagley, Iowa
T. W. Matney.....	Dec. 1, 1829	N. C.....1868	Dec. 22, 1894	Montezuma
J. F. Privett.....	Sept. 5, 1862	Blue Ridge.....1891	June 28, 1895	Jennings,
A. F. English.....	Jan. 30, 1830	Holston.....1855	Aug. 16, 1892	Davidson River
A. H. Peeples.....	Dec. 31, 1846	Blue Ridge.....1885	April 27, 1897	Kernersville
J. H. Rominger.....	May 14, 1849	Blue Ridge.....1892	Sept. 6, 1898	Montezuma
E. Anderson.....	Jan. 4, 1844	Blue Ridge.....1893	April 8, 1900	Montezuma
W. G. Matton.....	Feb. 24, 1830	Va. and N. C....1867	June 16, 1901	High Point
A. J. Johnson.....	Aug. 29, 1857	Blue Ridge.....1885	Dec. 3, 1901	Buck Shoals
W. T. Owen.....	May 9, 1867	Blue Ridge.....1898	Sept. 18, 1902	Huntersville
C. F. Castevens.....	Sept. 4, 1856	Blue Ridge.....1890	Sept. 27, 1907	Mitchels Chapel
H. D. Christenbury..	Aug. 29, 1849	Blue Ridge.....1884	Nov. 19, 1906	Huntersville
W. J. Evans.....	July 7, 1843	Blue Ridge.....1885	Dec. 28, 1912	Arnon Plains
D. N. Franklin.....	Jan. 28, 1832	Blue Ridge.....1885	Feb. 6, 1914	Woodrow
Q. A. Bumgarner.....	Sept. 13, 1891	B. R.-Atlantic..1913	Aug. 8, 1914	Millers Creek
J. N. S. Doub.....	Sept. 24, 1840	Blue Ridge.....1895	Aug. 16, 1916	West Bend
J. J. Rhyne.....	Dec. 28, 1844	Blue Ridge.....1887	Sept. 5, 1916	Eupeptic Spring
A. Grabeal.....	Dec. 21, 1860	Blue Ridge.....1882	Mar. 8, 1917	Asheville
L. J. Penley.....	Jan. 18, 1858	Blue Ridge.....1888	Aug. 14, 1917	Bethel
S. A. Earnhardt.....	Aug. 13, 1850	Blue Ridge.....1887	May 25, 1920	Misenheimer
J. H. Fine.....	Sept. 9, 1869	Blue Ridge.....1907	May 3, 1920	Candler
G. C. Wadford.....	Nov. 27, 1873	B. R.-Atlantic..1915	Nov. 23, 1922	Greensboro
M. W. Broyles.....	July 22, 1849	Holston.....1877	May 3, 1925	Leicester
J. B. Tucker.....	Sept. 26, 1857	Blue Ridge.....1885	Dec. 24, 1926	State Road
J. L. Dennis.....	Mar. 26, 1864	Blue Ridge.....1891	July 27, 1927	Uwharrie
D. A. Lanier.....	May 24, 1842	Blue Ridge.....1890	Feb. 12, 1928	Shiloh
Austin Wilson.....	Nov. 10, 1881	B. R.-Atlantic 1912	June 14, 1929	Reeps Grove
D. M. Matheson.....	Mar. 21, 1850	Blue Ridge.....1888	Dec. 5, 1930	New Home
W. L. Moore.....	Oct. 12, 1857	Atlantic Mis'n. 1909	Dec. 21, 1930	Prospect
J. H. Garriss.....	.....1896	Atlantic Mis'n. 1902	Aug. 1932	Highland Spgs, Va.
P. M. Locklear.....	Sept. 18, 1868	B. R.-Atlantic..1922	April 25, 1933	Pembroke
W. C. Matney.....	Mar. 3, 1856	Blue Ridge.....1889	Sept. 22, 1933	Canton
F. A. L. Clark.....	April 18, 1849	Blue Ridge.....1884	Dec. 17, 1933	Mt. Mitchell
R. G. Trull.....	Dec. 19, 1899	B. R.-Atlantic 1924	Dec. 19, 1933	Crusoe
W. O. A. Graham.....	Mar. 31, 1858	Blue Ridge.....1882	Sept. 14, 1934	Temple Hill
J. H. Gillespie.....	Oct. 29, 1852	Blue Ridge.....1885	Sept. 18, 1934	Leicester
J. F. Matney.....	Nov. 5, 1858	Blue Ridge.....1888	July 7, 1935	Iredell Co.
J. M. Fowler.....	April 6, 1872	Blue Ridge.....1909	Dec. 4, 1935	Clyde
J. M. Heath.....	Jan. 25, 1856	Blue Ridge.....1890	Mar. 19, 1936	Walkertown
J. S. Greene.....	Oct. 4, 1866	Blue Ridge.....1911	Aug. 27, 1937	Buncombe Co.
W. L. Carter.....	July 29, 1868	B. R. Atlantic. 1915	April 18, 1938	Palestine

(b) WIDOWS OF DECEASED MEMBERS

Mrs. W. T. Owens.....	Died Dec. 16, 1906
Mrs. H. D. Christenbury.....	Died May 3, 1908
Mrs. T. W. Matney.....	Died Sept. 9, 1909
Mrs. J. J. Rhyne.....	Died Nov. 3, 1916
Mrs. Q. A. Bumgarner.....	Died Dec. 1, 1920
Mrs. D. M. Clayton.....	Died Mar. 18, 1922
Mrs. W. J. Evans.....	Died Dec. 16, 1923
Mrs. A. Graybeal.....	Died Nov. ....1924
Mrs. S. A. Earnhardt.....	Died June 12, 1925
Mrs. A. J. Johnson.....	Died Dec. 2, 1928
Mrs. F. A. L. Clark.....	Died Feb. 15, 1935
Mrs. J. H. Garriss.....	Died May 4, 1935
Mrs. W. C. Matney.....	Died Nov. 15, 1936

(c) WIVES OF MEMBERS

Mrs. K. N. Snipes.....	Died .....1925
Mrs. W. O. A. Graham.....	Died Oct. 20, 1926
Mrs. W. E. Isenhour.....	Died May 27, 1929
Mrs. J. M. Heath.....	Died July 6, 1934
Mrs. D. W. Haga.....	Died Jan. 27, 1936
Mrs. E. H. Spencer.....	Died Nov. 1, 1937
Mrs. S. N. Bumgarner.....	Died April 21, 1938

IX.

Historical

(a) CONFERENCE SESSIONS

(The name of the Conference at first was Southern Central Conference. It became the Blue Ridge Conference in 1881. In 1912 the Atlantic Mission Conference was merged with this Conference and it became the Blue-Ridge Atlantic Conference.)

DATE	PLACE	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
1879..Jan. 30, Feb. 3...	Greensboro.....	Bishop Peck.....	E. O. Thayer.
1880..Jan. 28, Feb. 1...	Concord.....	Bishop Simpson.....	W. G. Matton.
1881..Jan. 20-24.....	Leicester.....	Bishop Warren.....	"
1882..Jan. 19-23.....	Asheville.....	Bishop Foster.....	"
1883..Jan. 24-29.....	Gastonia.....	Bishop Merrill.....	"
1884..Jan. 30-Feb. 3...	Asheville.....	Bishop Bowman.....	J. D. Roberson.
1885..Feb. 12-16.....	Clyde.....	Bishop Andrews.....	"
1885..Oct. 1-5.....	Gastonia.....	Bishop Mallalieu.....	W. T. Ford.
1886..Oct. 7-11.....	Smith's Chapel.....	Bishop Walden.....	"
1887..Oct. 19-23.....	Asheville.....	Bishop Mallalieu.....	W. Q. A. Graham.
1888..Oct. 18-22.....	Clyde.....	Bishop FitzGerald....	"
1889..Oct. 17-21.....	Asheville.....	Bishop Joyce.....	J. D. Roberson.
1890..Oct. 16-20.....	Clyde.....	Bishop Joyce.....	"
1891..Oct. 21-25.....	Asheville.....	Bishop Warren.....	A. Graybeal.
1892..Oct. 13-16.....	Poindexter.....	Bishop Foss.....	A. H. Gamble.
1893..Oct. 12-16.....	Daisy.....	Bishop Hurst.....	W. Q. A. Graham.
1894..Sept. 27-Oct. 1...	Smith's Chapel.....	Bishop Foster.....	"
1895..Oct. 19-24.....	Clyde.....	Bishop Mallalieu.....	A. Graybeal.
1896..Sept. 24-27.....	Asheville.....	Bishop Mallalieu.....	"
1897..Oct. 11-17.....	Walkertown.....	Bishop Andrews.....	"
1898..Oct. 20-24.....	Marion.....	Bishop Goodsell.....	"
1899..Oct. 18-22.....	Seward.....	Bishop Fowler.....	"
1900..Oct. 4-7.....	Clyde.....	Bishop Cranston.....	"
1901..Oct. 24-27.....	Montezuma.....	Bishop Goodsell.....	"
1902..Oct. 23-26.....	Seward.....	Bishop Walden.....	"
1903..Oct. 7-10.....	Glass.....	Bishop Joyce.....	"
1904..Oct. 6-11.....	Clyde.....	Bishop FitzGerald....	"
1905..Oct. 5-8.....	Montezuma.....	Bishop Fowler.....	"
1906..Oct. 4-8.....	Troy.....	Bishop Bashford.....	"
1907..Oct. 23-27.....	Walkertown.....	Bishop Spellmeyer.....	"
1908..Oct. 1-4.....	Kings Mountain.....	Bishop Goodsell.....	"
1909..Sept. 30-Oct. 3...	Asheville.....	Bishop Anderson.....	"
1910..Oct. 7-9.....	Canton.....	Bishop Anderson.....	"
1911..Oct. 19-22.....	Troy.....	Bishop Anderson.....	"
1912..Nov. 21-24.....	Marshallburg.....	Bishop Henderson.....	"
1913..Nov. 13-17.....	Walkertown.....	Bishop Henderson.....	D. W. Haga.
1914..Nov. 19-22.....	Asheville.....	Bishop Henderson.....	"
1915..Nov. 25-29.....	Newton.....	Bishop Henderson.....	"
1916..Nov. 22-26.....	Parmele.....	Bishop Bristol.....	"
1917..Nov. 21-25.....	Kings Mountain.....	Bishop Hughes.....	"
1918..Dec. 4-8.....	Asheville.....	Bishop Bristol.....	"
1919..Nov. 19-23.....	Troy.....	Bishop Bristol.....	"
1920..Nov. 4-7.....	Kings Mountain.....	Bishop Bristol.....	C. M. White.
1921..Oct. 27-30.....	Canton.....	Bishop Bristol.....	"
1922..Nov. 2-6.....	Statesville.....	Bishop Wilson.....	"
1923..Nov. 1-4.....	Washington.....	Bishop Bristol.....	"
1924..Nov. 6-9.....	Winston-Salem.....	Bishop Thirkield.....	"
1925..Oct. 29-Nov. 1...	Kings Mountain.....	Bishop Richardson.....	"
1926..Dec. 2-5.....	Morehead City.....	Bishop Thirkield.....	"
1927..Dec. 7-11.....	Canton.....	Bishop Leonard.....	"
1928..Dec. 5-9.....	Misenheimer.....	Bishop Smith.....	"
1929..Dec. 5-8.....	Asheville.....	Bishop Blake.....	W. A. Parsons
1930..Oct. 15-19.....	Marshallberg.....	Bishop Brown.....	"
1931..Sept. 23-27.....	Bessemer City.....	Bishop Smith.....	"
1932..Oct. 6-9.....	Walkertown.....	Bishop Brown.....	"
1933..Oct. 5-8.....	Canton.....	Bishop Brown.....	"
1934..Oct. 4-7.....	Newton.....	Bishop Burns.....	"
1935..Oct. 9-13.....	Winston-Salem.....	Bishop Brown.....	J. J. Wood.
1936..Oct. 8-11.....	Asheville.....	Bishop Brown.....	W. A. Parsons.
1937..Oct. 7-10.....	Misenheimer.....	Bishop Brown.....	"
1938..Oct. 6-9.....	Misenheimer.....	Bishop Wade.....	"

(b) HISTORICAL SKETCH

In the preparation of this paper, we are indebted to the late Dr. W. Q. A. Graham and Dr. J. S. Burnett for much of the information, and also to the sketch printed in the 1936 Conference Journal.

The western section of the Conference dates its history as co-existent with the Holston Conference, and especially with the re-organization of the Holston Conference in 1866, with Bishop Clark, presiding.

This section remained with the Holston territory until 1879, when Bishop Peck organized the Southern Central Conference, it took over the Holston territory east of the Tennessee line. The work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, remained in the Holston territory until the organization of the Western North Carolina Conference in 1889.

The first work of Methodism in the state of North Carolina dates back to the year 1774, when Robert Williams organized a circuit on the Virginia line and a portion of the circuit was in North Carolina. In the year 1777, there was a circuit in North Carolina with 950 members. In 1778, Bishops Coke and Asbury were holding sessions of the Virginia Conference in this state. The North Carolina Conference was organized in 1836. In 1845, this Conference joined with the other Southern Conferences in organizing the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

In the bounds of Holston territory were a number of congregations that did not accede to the spirit of separation. Two of those churches that always considered themselves a part of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and were supplied by local preachers during the interval of 1845 to 1866, are within the bounds of this Conference, namely, Louisa's Chapel, at Clyde, and Arnon Plains, near Canton, and now a part of the Canton Circuit. At Clyde there still exists a chapel which was erected in the attic of Mr. Shook's home, which was the first framed house west of the Blue Ridge, and where the first Methodist Episcopal Church was organized.

Bishop Asbury visited this congregation and preached in this chapel about the year 1808 or 1809. The property has remained in the possession of Methodist Episcopalians from its origin, and should be preserved by United Methodism as one of its earliest shrines west of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

In the year 1880, Bishop Simpson held the Southern Central Conference, at Greensboro, and its name was changed to the Blue Ridge Conference, and under this title it made progress for thirty-two years.

At the session of 1882, there came into the Conference two young preachers who left their indelible mark upon the work in this field, Adolphus Graybeal and W. Q. A. Graham. Brother Graybeal was chairman of the most important committees, served as presiding elder and pastor of the important charges, and for nineteen years was the efficient secretary of the Conference.

Brother Graham spent more than twenty years as presiding elder, superintendent of the Atlantic Mission Conference, and district superintendent. In the year 1897, he went to the eastern shores of the state and organized the Atlantic Mission Conference and established the first school of academic grade, at Marshallberg, known as Graham Collegiate Institute. The stamp of this school's services to the group of the Atlantic Mission Conference churches is still visible among those fisher folk from Portsmouth, Virginia, to Wilmington, North Carolina.

The Blue Ridge and the Atlantic Mission Conferences at their 1911 session memorialized the General Conference of 1912, for the power to unite, which was granted.

A Commission from the two Conferences met shortly after the General Conference action and formulated a plan of union, and at the 1912 session at Marshallberg, North Carolina, with Bishop Theodore S. Henderson, presiding, it became the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference.

The Graham Collegiate Institute was burned in the late fall of 1910, but work continued in modified form until the spring of 1912. In the fall of 1913, the work was resumed at Washington, North Carolina, where the Washington Collegiate Institute was established under the direction of Secretary Thomas Nicholson, of the Board of Education, afterwards Bishop Nicholson.

Rev. J. H. Warren, district superintendent of the Coast District, interested Congressman J. H. Small, of Washington, North Carolina, in the enterprise, and it was largely through his contributions and influence that this school was established at Washington.

Under the able direction of President Maynard O. Fletcher, it served a large number of promising young people until the spring of 1931, it was discontinued because of close competition of state high schools.

Fairview College, at Traphill, and Aaron Academy, at Montezuma, were two other institutions that bore much fruit in the earlier days of the Conference.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society established a school near Lenoir, North Carolina, under the name of Ebenezer Mitchell Home, which was burned in the year 1911. In 1912-13, they re-established the school at Misenheimer, North Carolina. The main building of this school was again destroyed by fire in the winter of 1915. Klein Hall was enlarged and the work continued until the year 1923, when the present administration building was erected. The school grew until the year 1932, when it was recognized as a junior college. The year 1933 found President W. S. Sharpe in charge, and through his zeal Mr. and Mrs. Pfeiffer, of New York, were interested, and the plant as we now observe it stands as a perpetual monument to his and their devotion to Christian education.

The Journal of 1912, shows that the united Conferences had 10,467 full members, 9,325 enrolled in Sunday schools, with three Epworth Leagues enrolling ninety-six young people. They had paid \$16,154, for ministerial support; and \$1,274, for benevolences; \$7,321, for building and improvements; and \$2,872, on old indebtedness.

Total value of 192 churches, was \$192,793; and thirty-two parsonages, \$30,450. Total valuation, \$223,243.

The 1937 Journal shows there were 14,092 full members—13,167 enrolled in Sunday school, thirty-two Epworth Leagues have an enrollment, 1,526.

Paid for ministerial support, \$35,616; for benevolences, \$4,035; for building and improvements, \$13,170; and on old indebtedness, \$3,090. The value of 176 churches was \$538,000; forty-three parsonages, \$81,950; other property, \$6,356; grand total, \$626,504.

With an average increase in membership, Sunday-school enrollment, ministerial support, benevolences, and property valuation that exceeds the average for the church-at-large, we have no apologies to make, save as we join the entire church in humility for the meagerness of our showing.

To call the honor roll would far outdistance the roll of our honored dead.

Many of the early heroes finished their course in other fields, and a few of them are still among the living, though the living are seldom canonized. To call the roll of former and present members would require the use of the alphabet, with the exception of the letters Q, U, V, X, Y, Z. With one exception these are found among the Christian names, i. e., W. Q. A. Graham, Ulysses A. Dry, Vernon A. Morton, York D. Poole, and Zerna V. Arthur.

Dr. John S. Burnett, of the Holston Conference, joined the Blue Ridge Conference in the class of 1888, thus completing fifty years of active service, the only living member of that class, and the oldest member or former member in point of service now living. We honor his presence with us at this session, and wish for him many pleasant years of well-earned rest from fifty strenuous years of active service.

Dr. A. S. Beaman, retired, is the senior member, having joined the Blue Ridge Conference in 1894; Rev. W. A. Patton, retired, is the next, of the class of 1898; Rev. J. L. A. Bumgarner, a son-in-law of Brother Patton, of the class of 1901, is the senior active member. Rev. W. J. Plint, a member of the former Atlantic Mission Conference, of the class of 1904, is next in seniority. Rev. T. S. Davis, of the Baltimore Conference, was a member of the class of 1897.

The following members complete the list of those whose membership is co-existent with the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference: Rev. D. W. Haga, retired, class of 1905; Revs. A. B. Dennis and D. L. Earnhardt, effective; D. J. White, retired, class of 1906; Rev. W. H. Pless, effective, class of 1910; Revs. B. A. Culp and J. M. Wall, effective, class of 1911; C. M. White, effective, class of 1912.

Rev. William A. Parsons, effective, joined the Georgia Conference, class of 1897 (February) and transferred to this Conference in 1918; Rev. M. L. Chappell was re-admitted at the 1938 session, and since he joined in 1898, they are the senior members in active service.

C. M. WHITE,
W. A. PARSONS.

Committee.

X.

Miscellaneous

(a) PLAN OF CONFERENCE EXAMINATIONS

The Plan of Conference Examinations was printed at length on pages 90 and 91 of the Conference Journal of 1937.

M. O. Fletcher is chairman of the Board of Ministerial Training, C. W. Guthrie is Registrar.

C. M. White, B. A. Culp, J. R. Kirby, and D. A. Bailey are assigned to subjects for Reception on Trial.

P. A. Barker, V. A. Morton, C. O. Newell, J. J. Wood, W. H. Pless, and W. A. Parsons are assigned to Subjects in the First Year. G. E. Keeler, Accepted Supply, is the only one in the First Year.

P. A. Barker, W. A. Parsons, V. A. Morton, S. W. Johnson, J. R. Kirby, and B. A. Culp have been assigned to subjects in the Second Year. V. A. Morton has the subjects formerly assigned to Q. V. Amberson. C. W. Martin and A. W. Wellons are in the Second Year.

W. H. Pless, S. W. Johnson, W. A. Parsons, D. A. Bailey, and C. M. White have the subjects of the Third Year. H. H. Shaw and R. L. Phillips are in the Third Year studies.

D. A. Bailey, V. A. Morton, B. A. Culp, J. J. Wood, C. O. Newell, and S. W. Johnson have the subjects of the Fourth Year.

J. J. Wood has the subjects formerly assigned to Q. V. Amberson. L. A. Lewis, V. A. Lewis, and L. C. Stevens are in studies of the Fourth Year.

Every member of the Board and every one in the classes is urged to keep at hand the Journal of 1937. The Secretary of the Conference will supply a copy of this Journal to any member of the Board and to any member of the classes upon request.

(b) DELEGATES TO LAY CONFERENCE

(Post Offices in North Carolina)

Asheville District		
Charge	Delegate	Address
Asheville.....	C. A. Hawkins*	Asheville
Asheville Circuit.....	Francis Pressley (Alt.)	Route 1, Skyland
Ashland.....	Everett Martin*	
Bakersville.....	Miss Etta Whitson.....	Tipton Hill
Bessemer City.....	R. C. Kennedy.....	Bessemer City
Bessemer City Circuit.....	Miss Mardecia Eaker.....	Route 1, Bessemer City
Boone.....	W. B. Castle*	Boone
Canton.....	W. T. Hawkins.....	Canton
Canton Circuit.....	Charles Rhodarmer (Alt.)*	Canton
Casar.....	A. L. Mosteller.....	Route 2, Vale
Clyde.....	Lloyd Justice.....	Clyde
Etowah.....	Ocee Orr*	Hendersonville
Franklin Circuit.....	Sam Reece*	Franklin
Hickory.....	T. M. Starnes.....	Hickory
Kings Mountain.....	Mrs. J. E. Mauney (Alt.)	Kings Mountain
Leicester.....	J. Marvin Glance.....	Box 1362, Asheville
Linville-Montezuma.....	Hooker Webb*	
Marion.....	C. M. Poole*	Marion
Murphy-Shooting Creek.....	A. G. Morrow.....	Unaka
Newton.....	J. Mackie.....	Catawba
Pisgah.....	H. W. Davis.....	Route 1, Candler
Saint Paul.....	Mrs. Miles Shore.....	Cycle
South River.....	Ray Sharpe*	Statesville

Charge	Delegate	Address
Sylva.....	N. F. Cheek.....	Route 1, Bryson City
Temple Hill.....	T. S. Welborn*.....	Cycle
Traphill.....	W. M. Roberts*.....	Traphill
Wilkesboro.....	Russell Eller.....	Route 1, Wilkesboro
Zion.....	W. B. Goodin.....	Route 2, Statesville
Statesville District		
Ararat.....	Willie Simmons*.....	Ararat
Eureka.....	W. P. Morris*.....	Route 2, Elizabeth City
Harkers Island.....	Mrs. M. L. Yeomans*.....	Harkers Island
Harmony.....	R. V. Long*.....	Harmony
Hatteras.....		
Huntersville.....	J. L. Thornburg.....	Route 2, Huntersville
Kannapolis:		
Midway.....	J. W. Clayton.....	701 S. Ridge Ave., Kannapolis
Mount Mitchell.....	R. G. Troutman*.....	Route 2, Rockwell
Lexington.....	M. W. Tysinger.....	Route 6, Lexington
Marshallberg.....	Milden Willis.....	Marshallberg
Misenheimer.....	Miss Mabel Edgerton.....	Misenheimer
Morehead City.....		
Morehead Circuit.....		
Ocracoke.....	Amasa Fletcher.....	Ocracoke
Palestine.....	P. A. Dry.....	Route 2, Albemarle
Parmele.....	Mrs. M. O. Fletcher.....	Washington
Pembroke:		
Bethel.....	C. B. Brayboy*.....	Pembroke
Bladen.....	C. H. Moore (Alt.)*.....	Route 4, Maxton
Pinebluff.....	Mrs. J. L. DeYoe*.....	Pinebluff
Portsmouth.....	A. L. Manning.....	150 Pinners Ave., Portsmouth, Va.
Statesville.....	A. G. Frazier.....	Route 4, Statesville
Surry.....	J. S. Hill*.....	
Troy.....	J. C. Saunders*.....	Troy
Walkertown.....	Stokes Swaim.....	Route 2, Kernersville
Whaleyville.....	J. H. Baines*.....	Route 1, Whaley, Va.
Winston-Salem.....	R. C. Jones.....	2356 Fairway Ave., Winston- Salem
Winston Circuit.....	Mrs. H. F. Snow (Alt.).....	845 Jersey Ave., Winston- Salem
Yadkin.....	W. A. Taylor*.....	

*Absent.

(c) VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS**Evangelistic Worker**

Resolved, That we, as a Conference, commend Rev. W. Earl Armstrong, a Local Elder in our church, to any of the brethren for services as an evangelist.

C. M. WHITE.

The Methodist Herald

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of the work of Brother R. F. Reynolds in the publication of *The Methodist Herald* and our determination to back him up financially by securing five hundred paid subscribers for that paper at 25 cents per year.

J. J. WOOD.

Fraternal Messages

(d) *Resolved*, That we express our appreciation of the two messages by the fraternal delegates by urging that, if possible, these addresses be printed in the *North Carolina Christian Advocate*, *The Methodist Protestant Herald*, and *The Methodist Herald*.

J. J. WOOD.

XI.

Pastoral Record

(Post Offices in North Carolina)

(a) ROLL OF CONFERENCE MEMBERS AND PROBATIONERS

(*d*, indicates deacon; *u*, unordained. All others are elders.)

(1) Retired Ministers

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| *A. S. Beaman, 140 Westwood, Asheville | M. A. Matheson, Newton |
| D. W. Haga, Montezuma | *W. A. Patton, Lansing |
| *R. P. Jones, Route 1, Creston | *W. G. Warren, Canton |
| *F. R. Lowry, Pembroke | *D. J. White, Ronda |

(2) Effective Ministers

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| Z. V. Arthur, Troy | L. A. Lewis (<i>d</i>), Pinebluff |
| D. A. Bailey, Route 2, Albemarle | V. A. Lewis (<i>d</i>), Harkers Island |
| *P. A. Barker, Shooting Creek | D. F. Lowry, Pembroke |
| C. C. Benton, Spruce Pine | E. W. Mills, Monroe |
| J. R. Bowman, Franklin | V. A. Morton, Route 3, Winston-Salem |
| S. J. Brawley, Route 2, East Bend | C. O. Newell, Clyde |
| J. L. A. Bumgarner, Wilkesboro | R. C. Nimmon, Ansonville |
| S. N. Bumgarner, Wilkesboro | W. A. Parsons, 1033 Boulevard, Statesville |
| H. H. Cash, Bakersville | W. H. Pless, Route 2, Candler |
| M. L. Chappell, Lansing | W. J. Plint, 1008 Fifth St., Statesville |
| B. A. Culp, 2730 Glenn Ave., Winston-Salem | C. O. Plyler, Route 5, Statesville |
| A. B. Dennis, 200 Montford Ave., Asheville | Y. D. Poole, Harmony |
| D. H. Dennis, Route 2, Asheville | E. H. Spencer, Clyde |
| D. L. Earnhardt, Traphill | L. C. Stevens (<i>d</i>), Hamptonville |
| M. O. Fletcher, Washington (N. C.) | J. M. Wall, Route 1, Wilkesboro |
| F. F. Frisbie, Route 1, Derita | C. M. White, Candler |
| E. M. Graham, Box 414, Newton | C. C. Williams, Canton |
| *E. P. Green, Vale | C. J. Winslow, Walkertown |
| C. W. Guthrie, Marshallberg | J. J. Wood, Route 2, Marion |
| S. W. Johnson, Kings Mountain | C. K. Wright, Mattamuskeet |
| J. R. Kirby, Leicester | J. F. Wyatt, Canton |

(3) Probationers

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|---|---|
| C. W. Martin (<i>u</i>), Montezuma | H. H. Shaw, 144 Pinners Ave., Portsmouth, Va. |
| A. W. Wellons (<i>u</i>), Bessemer City | |

(b) LOCAL PREACHERS

(Italic letters in parentheses indicate ordinations.)

(1) Accepted Supply Pastors

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| T. W. Bryant (<i>e</i>), Ararat | M. W. Mann (<i>e</i>), Ocracoke |
| L. W. Hall (<i>e</i>), Etowah | R. L. Phillips (<i>d</i>), Route 1, Bessemer City |
| G. E. Keeler, 97 Ashland Ave., Asheville | J. W. Smith, Pembroke |

*Absent. (The two effective men were absent on account of sickness.)

(2) Other Local Preachers

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

W. E. Armstrong (*e*), Gastonia
 Miss Ruby Baily (*d*), Bessemer City
 Mrs. Flora Banks, Biltmore
 C. W. Brown, Creston
 M. F. Bumgarner, Wilkesboro
 B. A. Day, Ronda
 Mrs. D. L. Earnhardt, Traphill
 D. R. Earnhardt (*e*), Biltmore
 Rufus Graybeal (*d*),, Tenn.
 G. C. Greene, Marion
 N. Q. Harris (*e*), Route 6, Statesville
 Millard Lambert, Linville
 H. L. Lewis, Ashland
 H. H. Mitchell (*d*), Asheville

L. K. Moffitt, Franklin
 A. G. Morrow, Violet
 Mrs. C. O. Newell, Clyde
 Ocee Orr, Etowah
 W. E. Potter (*e*), Canton
 Mrs. Estelle Price, Hickory
 A. F. Rhodes, Asheville
 W. M. Roberts, Roaring Gap
 F. G. Smathers, Candler
 T. L. Taylor (*e*), Candler
 J. H. Tipton (*d*), Mosheim, Tenn.
 M. C. Winebarger, Hemlock
 L. R. Wood (*e*), Blowing Rock

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

W. C. Baines (*d*), Route 2, Elizabeth
 City
 Turner Brown, Route 1, Statesville
 Wade Bustle, 4354 Duke Sta., Durham
 Homer Clodfelter, Ellis School, Salisbury
 C. J. Chandler, Colfax

U. A. Dry (*e*), Salisbury
 J. S. Gardner, Route 6, Mt. Airy
 L. B. Jacobs, Pembroke
 C. A. Johnson (*d*), Harkers Island
 T. E. Pierce (*d*), High Point
 A. G. Woodruff (*d*), Harmony

(c) RECORD OF CONFERENCE RELATIONS, ORDINATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS OF CONFERENCE MEMBERS AND PROBATIONERS

After each name is given year of birth, year of reception on trial in Annual Conference, year of admission to full membership, year of ordination as deacon, and year of ordination as elder. The year is given in which each appointment was made. "1927 Parmele," means that the minister was assigned to Parmele in the fall of 1927, and was there most of the following year. Years served as supply are indicated by enclosure in parentheses.

The number of Years of Approved Service in this Conference previous to the Conference of 1938, is shown in parentheses at the close of each individual record. See Discipline, 1936, paragraph 947, section 1.

Zerna V. Arthur—b. 1889; received, Northwest Iowa Conference, 1911; full member, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference, 1914; deacon, 1914; elder, 1916. 1911, George, Iowa; 1912, Melvin, Iowa; transferred to Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference, 1913. 1913, '14, Misenheimer; 1915, '16, Walkertown; 1917, '18, in United States Army; 1919, '20, '21, '22, '23, '24, without appointment to attend school; transferred to New England Southern Conference, 1925. 1925, '26, Woods Hole and East Falmouth, Massachusetts; 1927, Brayton, Fall River; 1928, '29, '30, St. Paul's, Providence, Rhode Island; 1931, '32, '33, Bridgewater, Massachusetts; 1934, '35, '36, Provincetown; 1937, Myricks and Dighton, Massachusetts; transferred to Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference, March, 1938. 1938, Troy (10½).

D. A. Bailey—b. 1888; received, 1923; full member, 1927; deacon, 1927; elder, 1929. 1923, Harmony Circuit; 1924, '25, '26, Marion; 1927, '28, '29, Walkertown; 1930, '31, '32, '33, '34, '35, '36, Huntersville; 1937, '38, Palestine and Chandler. (13).

P. A. Barker—b. 1905; received, Alabama, 1923; full member, 1927; deacon, 1927; elder, 1929. (1922), '23, Dime and Ash Ridge, Alabama; (1924), Mt. Airy Ct., Tennessee; (1925), Rossville, Georgia; (1926, '27), Daisy, Tennessee. Was in school from 1924 to 1927. 1928, Florence, Alabama.

1929, '30, '31, '32, '33, '34, '35, was without appointment in Alabama Conference to attend school. (1931, '32, '33, '34, '35), Arcola, New Jersey; transferred to Blue Ridge-Atlantic, 1936. (1935), '36, '37, '38, Shooting Creek-Murphy Parish. (3).

- A. S. Beaman—received, 1894; transferred to Blue Ridge-Atlantic, 1920. 1920, '21, '22, '23, '24, '25, Asheville; 1926, Winston-Salem; 1927, Elm Grove and Mount Pleasant; 1928, Pine Bluff; 1929, '30, Harmony; 1931, Field Agent, Pensions and Relief; 1932, Pisgah; 1933, retired. (21). Served several years previous to 1920 in Blue Ridge and Holston Conferences.
- C. C. Benton—b. 1895; received, North Carolina Conference of Wesleyan Methodist Church, 1920; received, full member, Blue Ridge-Atlantic, 1927; elder, 1929. 1920, Old Fort; 1921, Cherryville; 1922, '23, East Radford, Virginia; 1924, '25, Cherryville; 1926, Rose Hill. Changed to Methodist Episcopal Church, 1927. 1927, '28, '29, Winston-Salem; 1930, '31, '32, '33, Canton; 1934, '35, '36, '37, Asheville District; 1938, Methodist Episcopal Church, South. (11).
- J. R. Bowman—b. 1909; received, 1932; full member, 1937; deacon, 1935; elder, 1937. 1932, Traphill; 1933, '34, Bostic; 1936, '37, Etowah; 1937, '38, Franklin. (3).
- S. J. Brawley—b. 1892; received, 1930; full member, 1932; deacon, 1932; elder, 1936. 1930, Traphill; 1931, '32, '33, Lexington; 1934, '35, '36, '37, '38, Yadkin. (8).
- J. L. A. Bumgarner—b. 1878; received, 1901; full member, 1908; deacon, 1908; elder, 1910. 1901, Montezuma; 1902, '03, '04, '05, '06, without appointment to attend school; (1904), Madisonville Circuit, Tennessee; (1905), Decatur Circuit; (1907), Rogersville and Whitehorn; 1908, '09, Walkertown; 1910, in school at Chattanooga; 1911, '12, Lansing; 1913, '14, '15, Traphill; 1916, '17, '18, '19, '20, Asheville District; 1921, '22, '23, '24, Walkertown; 1925, '26, '27, Wilkesboro; 1928, leave of absence ($\frac{1}{2}$ yr. at Yadkin); 1929, Yadkin; 1930, supernumerary; 1931, '32, '33, '34, St. Paul; 1935, '36, '37, Temple Hill; 1938, Smith's Chapel and Wesley's Chapel. (31). Was in General Conference of 1916.
- S. N. Bumgarner—b. 1871; received, 1914; full member, 1916; deacon, 1914; elder, 1919. (1913), '14, Boone; 1915, Creston; 1916, '17, Ararat; 1918, '19, '20, '21, Wilkesboro; 1922, '23, '24, Yadkin; 1925, '26, Bakersville; 1927, '28, Harmony; 1929, Troy; 1930, Newton; 1931, Wilkesboro; 1932, '33, Harmony; 1934, leave of absence, (served Traphill); 1935, '36, '37, Hickory Circuit. (24).
- H. H. Cash—b. 1903; received, Central Tennessee, 1926; deacon, Tennessee, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1928; full member, Blue Ridge-Atlantic, 1935; elder, 1937. 1926, McLemoresville, Tennessee; 1927, Lexington, Tennessee; 1928, '29, Jamestown, Tennessee; (1930, '31), district evangelist; (1933, '34), Ashland, North Carolina; 1935, '36, St. Paul Circuit; 1937, '38, Bakersville-Tipton Hill. (3).
- M. L. Chappell—b. 1876; received, Atlantic Mission, 1898; deacon, 1898; elder, 1904. Served the following charges previous to 1915: Marshallberg, Harkers Island, Avon, Hatteras, Wildwood, Winfall, Whaleyville, Elizabeth City. 1915, '16, in retired relation; 1917, supernumerary; 1918, Pinnars, Virginia; 1919, '20, '21, retired; 1922, '23, Parkville; 1924, supernumerary (served Parkville); 1925, Parmele; 1926, Chowan; 1927, '28, '29, '30, supernumerary; 1931, located; (1934, '35), Lexington; (1936, '37), Lansing; 1938, with Methodist Episcopal Church, South. (23). Has been unusually successful in revival services; has received 1,752 into the church.

- B. A. Culp**—received, 1911; full member, 1914; deacon, 1911; elder, 1916. 1911, '12, Kings Mountain Circuit; 1913, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '20, '21, Kings Mountain; 1922, '23, '24, '25, Winston-Salem; 1926, '27, '28, '29, '30, Asheville; 1931, '32, Conference evangelist; 1933, '34, '35, '36, '37, '38, Winston-Salem. (26).
- A. B. Dennis**—b. 1876; received, 1906; full member, 1908; deacon, 1906; elder, 1910. 1906, '07, '08, Leicester; 1909, Troy; 1910, transferred to Holston; 1910, Etowah, Tennessee; 1911, '12, Athens Circuit; 1913, Little River; 1914, '15, Lenoir City; 1916, transferred again to Blue Ridge-Atlantic; 1916, Canton, North Carolina; 1917, '18, '19, Leicester; 1920, leave of absence; 1921, Pisgah; 1922, Canton Circuit; 1923, '24, Kings Mountain; 1925, '26, '27, '28, '29, '30, Winston-Salem (Statesville District); 1931, '32, Asheville; 1933, '34, Pisgah; 1935, Clyde; 1936, Asheville Circuit; 1937, with Methodist Episcopal Church, South. (26). Was in the General Conference of 1932.
- D. H. Dennis**—b. 1888; received, 1923; full member, 1927; deacon, 1927; elder, 1929. (1918, '19), Hatteras; (1920, '21), Morehead Circuit; (1922), '23, Chandler; 1924, without appointment for school; 1925, Montezuma; 1926, '27, Traphill; 1928, '29, '30, St. Paul; 1931, '32, '33, Bakersville; 1934, '35, Asheville Circuit; 1936, Clyde; 1937, '38, Asheville Circuit. (13).
- D. L. Earnhardt**—b. 1877; received, 1906; full member, 1908; deacon, 1906; elder, 1910. (1905), '06, Culberson; 1907, '08, Clyde; 1909, '10, Asheville Circuit; 1911, Marion; 1912, Ocracoke; 1913, Harmony; 1914, '15, '16, Etowah; 1917, '18, Pisgah; 1919, '20, '21, Clyde; 1922, '23, Leicester; 1924, Bakersville; 1925, '26, Marshallberg; 1927, Macon-Sylva; 1928, '29, Asheville Circuit; 1930, '31, '32, Etowah; 1933, Casar and Hickory; 1934, '35, Casar; 1936, Wilkesboro Circuit; 1937, '38, Traphill. (32).
- M. O. Fletcher**—b. 1882; received, Holston, 1911; full member, 1913; deacon, 1913; elder, 1915; transferred to Blue Ridge-Atlantic, 1916. (1914, '15), '16, '17, '18, '19, '20, '21, '22, '23, '24, '25, '26, '27, '28, '29, '30, '31, President Washington (North Carolina) Collegiate Institute; 1932, manager, Tayloe Hospital; 1933, '34, '35, '36, '37, '38, Parmele. (21). Member of General Conference, of 1924; elected to Uniting Conference, 1939.
- F. F. Frisbie**—b. 1886; received, Puget Sound, 1915; full member, 1917; deacon, 1917; elder, 1919. 1915, Sequim, Washington; 1916, '17, Colby, Washington; 1918, '19, Chimacum, Washington; 1920, '21, supernumerary; 1922, located at own request; (1924), Community Church, Montpelier, Idaho; 1925, readmitted by Idaho Conference; 1925, '26, '27, Richfield, Idaho; 1928, Salmon City, Idaho; 1929, transferred to West Virginia; 1929, '30, Knottsville, West Virginia; 1931, transferred to Blue Ridge-Atlantic; 1931, '32, Winston-Salem Circuit; 1933, '34, '35, Leicester; 1936, Canton; 1937, '38, Huntersville. (7).
- E. M. Graham**—b. 1882; received, North Carolina, Wesleyan Methodist Church, 1912; elder, 1916. 1913, '14, General evangelist; 1915, '16, '17, Kings Mountain; 1918, '19, Charlotte; 1920, '21, '22, '23, '24, '25, President of Annual Conference; 1926, '27, '28, '29, '30, '31, '32, '33, Charlotte; 1934, general evangelist. He was a member of General Conference, of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, from 1915 to 1926; was member of Book Committee, of Wesleyan Methodist Church, four years, 1923-1926, which carried with it many responsibilities in the leadership of the denomination. His orders were recognized by the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference, in 1935, and he was received into this Conference, in 1936. (1934), Clyde; (1935), Pisgah; 1936, '37, '38, Newton. (2).

- E. P. Greene—received, 1928; full member, 1930; deacon, 1930; elder 1932. (1925), Newport; 1928, Macon-Sylva; 1929, '30, '31, Marion; 1932, '33, Wilkesboro; 1934, '35, Bakersville; 1936, '37, '38, Casar. (10).
- C. W. Guthrie—b. 1888; received, 1919; full member, 1921; deacon, 1921; elder, 1923. (1918), Bessemer City; 1919, Morehead Circuit; 1920, Portsmouth; 1921, '22, '23, Troy; 1924, Marshallberg; 1925, Yadkin; 1926, Harmony; 1927, Troy; 1928, '29, '30, '31, '32, '33, Kings Mountain; 1934, Marshallberg; 1935, Newton; 1936, '37, '38, Marshallberg. (19).
- D. W. Haga—b. 1872; received, 1905; full member, 1907; deacon, 1907; elder, 1909. 1905, '06, '07, '08, Creston; 1909, '10, Montezuma; 1911, '12, Canton Circuit; 1913, Leicester; 1914, '15, '16, Montezuma; 1917, '18, Morehead City; 1919, '20, Winston-Salem District; 1921, leave of absence; 1922, '23, '24, Montezuma; 1925, '26, '27, Linville City; 1928, Marion; 1929, leave of absence; 1930, Conference evangelist; 1931, Boone; 1932, '33, '34, co-pastor, Linville-Montezuma; 1935, '36, Altamont; 1937, retired. (32).
- S. W. Johnson—b. 1889; received, 1914; full member, 1916, deacon, 1914; elder, 1918. (1913), Morehead Circuit; 1914, Hatteras; 1915, Parkville; 1916, '17, Gastonia; 1918, St. Paul; 1919, '20, '21, Morehead City; 1922, '23, '24, Harmony; 1925, '26, '27, Huntersville; 1928, Elm Grove-Mt. Pleasant; 1929, '30, '31, '32, '33, Kannapolis; 1934, '35, '36, '37, Statesville; 1938, Kings Mountain. (24).
- R. P. Jones—received, 1919; full member, 1921; deacon, 1921; elder, 1924. (1917, '18), Boone; 1919, '20, '21, Montezuma; 1922, '23, Bakersville; 1924, '25, Canton Circuit; 1926, Asheville Circuit; 1927, '28, '29, Pisgah; 1930, '31, '32, '33, '34, '35, Linville-Montezuma; 1936, retired. (17).
- J. R. Kirby—received, Kansas, 1916; 1916, Morehead Circuit (Kansas); 1917, Jefferson; 1918, '19, Wesley Foundation, Kansas State College; 1920, '21, left without appointment for school; 1922, transferred to North Indiana; 1922, Galveston, Indiana; 1924, transferred to Northern Minnesota; 1924, '25, Hawley, Minnesota; 1926, supernumerary; 1927, located at own request; 1927 to 1935, did supply work, six years, in public school and college work; 1935, readmitted and transferred to Blue Ridge-Atlantic; 1935, Asheville; 1936, with Methodist Episcopal Church, South; 1937, '38, Leicester. (3).
- L. A. Lewis—b. 1912; received, 1932; full member, 1935; deacon, 1935. 1932, '33, Morehead City; 1934, '35, Harmony-Mitchell; 1936, without appointment for school; 1937, Canton; 1938, Pinebluff. (5).
- V. A. Lewis—b. 1912; received, 1932; full member, 1937; deacon, 1936. 1932, Hatteras; 1933, Colfax; 1934, Harmony Circuit; 1935, Hatteras; 1936, Bakersville; 1937, St. Paul; 1938, Harkers Island. (3).
- D. F. Lowry—b. 1881; received, 1913; full member, 1915; deacon, 1915; elder, 1917. 1913, '14, Pembroke; 1915, '16, '17, Rowland; 1918, Pembroke; 1919, '20, Hamlet; 1921, '22, '23, '24, '25, '26, '27, '28, '29, '30, '31, '32, '33, '34, '35, '36, '37, '38, Pembroke. (25).
- F. R. Lowry—received into full membership, from Holiness Methodist Church, 1919; elder, 1921. (1918), '19, Rowland; 1920, '21, Thessalonica; 1922, '23, Hamlet; 1924, supernumerary; 1925, '26, Latta; 1927, '28, '29, '30, '31, supernumerary; 1932, located at own request. (1928), Pee Dee; (1929, '30), Clio-Latta; 1936, readmitted and placed in retired relation. (7).
- C. W. Martin—b. 1908; received, 1937; 1937, '38, Linville-Montezuma. (1).

- M. A. Matheson—b. 1874; received, 1903; full member, 1907; deacon, 1907; elder, 1909. 1903, Unaka; 1905, '05, Hiawassee; 1906, '07, Erwin; 1908, '09, Marion; 1910, Etowah; 1911, Casar; 1912, Parmele; 1913, '14, Zion; 1915, '16, '17, '18, Newton; 1919, '20, Gastonia; 1921, '22, '23, '24, '25, supernumerary; 1926, located; 1938, readmitted and placed in the retired relation. (16).
- E. W. Mills—b. 1896; received, 1933; full member, 1935; deacon, 1932; elder, 1935. (1928, '29), Newton; (1930, '31, '32), '33, '34, '35, Troy; 1936, '37, Mt. Mitchell-Midway (Kannapolis); 1938, with Methodist Episcopal Church, South. (5).
- V. A. Morton—b. 1907; received, 1929; full member, 1931; deacon, 1931; elder, 1933. (1928), '29, Lexington; 1930, '31, '32, Walkertown; 1933, '34, '35, '36, '37, '38, Winston Circuit. (9).
- C. O. Newell—b. 1888; received, 1920, in Holston; transferred to Blue Ridge-Atlantic, 1920; full member, 1925; deacon, 1923; elder, 1925. 1920, '21, Washington; 1922, '23, without appointment for school; 1924, Morehead City; 1925, '26, Canton; 1927, transferred to Georgia; 1927, Epworth, Georgia; 1928, Rossville, Georgia; 1929, transferred to Blue Ridge-Atlantic; 1929, '30, Bessemer City; 1931, '32, '33, '34, '35, Pinebluff; 1936, Leicester; 1937, '38, with Methodist Episcopal Church, South. (13).
- R. C. Nimon—b. 1907; received, 1936; full member, 1938; elder, 1938; 1936, '37, Misenheimer; 1938, with Methodist Episcopal Church, South. (2).
- W. A. Parsons—b. 1872; received, Georgia, 1897 (February); full member, 1898 (December); deacon, 1898; elder, 1901. 1897 (February), Wesley Chapel, Atlanta; 1897 (December), Lookout Mountain; 1898, '99, Spring Place; 1900, '01, Atalla (Epworth) Seminary; 1902, '03, '04, Blue Ridge District; 1905, '06, '07, Atlanta District; 1908, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, Union Hill Seminary; 1914, '15, '16, '17, Epworth Seminary; 1918, transferred to Blue Ridge-Atlantic; 1918, '19, '20, Troy; 1921, '22, '23, '24, '25, Washington (North Carolina) District; 1926, '27, '28, '29, '30, '31, '32, '33, Statesville; 1934, '35, '36, '37, Kings Mountain; 1938, Statesville. (20).
- W. A. Patton—b. 1856; received, 1898; full member, 1900; deacon, 1900; elder, 1902. 1898, '99, 1900, '01, '02, Creston; 1903, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, Bakersville District; 1909, Jefferson Circuit; 1910, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15, Asheville District; 1916, '17, Creston; 1918, '19, Asheville; 1920, '21, '22, Lansing; 1923, '24, Creston; 1925, '26, '27, Lansing; 1928, retired. (31).
- W. H. Pless—b. 1886; received, 1910; full member, 1915; deacon, 1910; elder, 1917. 1910, Teresita; 1911, '12, '13, Etowah; 1914, '15, '16, '17, '18, Canton Circuit; 1919, North Winston; 1920, Walkertown; 1921, Asheville District; 1922, '23, '24, Canton; 1925, '26, '27, Kings Mountain; 1928, '29, '30, Leicester; 1931, '32, '33, '34, '35, '36, '37, '38, Canton Circuit. (25).
- W. J. Plint—b. 1877; received, 1904; full member, 1908*; deacon, 1897; elder, 1906. Was in the Atlantic Mission Conference until 1911. Was transferred to Blue Ridge Conference in 1911. In 1912, these two Conferences were merged. 1904, Graham Collegiate Institute; 1905, '06, Graham Collegiate Institute and Marshallberg; 1907, Harkers Island and Elizabeth City (six months each); 1908, '09, Morehead City; 1910, Portsmouth, Virginia; 1911, Walkertown; 1912, Misenheimer; 1913, Mitchell Home School; 1914, Harmony; 1915, '16, Morehead City;

*But for a technical error this should be 1906.

- 1917, '18, Statesville (Winston-Salem) District; 1919, '20, Coast (Washington) District; 1921, North Winston; 1922, '23, Morehead City; 1924, Portsmouth, Virginia; 1925, leave of absence; 1926, Morehead City; 1927, Elm Grove-Mt. Pleasant; 1928, '29, '30, supernumerary; 1931, '32, Leicester; 1933, '34, '35, '36, '37, '38, Statesville District. (29).
- C. O. Plyler—b. 1898; received, 1926; full member, 1928; deacon, 1928; elder, 1934. 1926, Hickory; 1927, Pinebluff; 1928, without appointment for school; 1929, '30, '31, '32, '33, supernumerary; 1934, '35, '36, '37, '38, South River. (7).
- Y. D. Poole—b. 1884; received, 1913; full member, 1915; deacon, 1914; elder, 1925. 1913, '14, '15, Kannapolis; withdrew from Conference, 1917; was readmitted, 1923. (1918), Ocracoke; (1919, '20), Harkers Island; (1921, '22), '23, Portsmouth, Virginia; 1924, '25, '26, Leicester; 1927, '28, '29, Canton; 1930, Parmele; 1931, '32, '33, '34, Newton; 1935, Portsmouth, Virginia; 1936, '37, '38, Harmony-Mitchell. (18).
- H. H. Shaw—b. 1886; received, 1938; deacon, 1902; elder, 1904; (1933), Traphill; (1934, '35), Ocracoke; (1936, '37), '38, Portsmouth, Virginia.
- E. H. Spencer—b. 1888; received, 1920; full member, 1923; deacon, 1923; elder, 1925. 1920, '21, Marion; 1922, '23, '24, '25, Bessemer City; 1926, '27, Kannapolis; 1928, '29, Huntersville; 1930, '31, Casar; 1933, leave of absence; 1934, '35, Wilkesboro; 1936, Traphill; 1937, '38, Clyde. (17).
- L. C. Stevens—b. 1899; received, 1927; full member, 1938; deacon, 1937. (1926), '27, Etowah; 1928, Misenheimer; 1929, discontinued; (1935), Lansing Parish assistant; 1936, received again; 1936, Ashland; 1937, Pine Mountain Parish; 1938, St. Paul. (2).
- J. M. Wall—b. 1870; received, 1911; full member, 1913; deacon, 1911; elder, 1915. 1911, Wilkesboro; 1912, '13, '14, '15, Yadkin; 1916, '17, '18, '19, Harmony; 1920, North Winston; 1921, '22, '23, '24, Winston-Salem District; 1925, Conference evangelist; 1926, Walkertown; 1927, '28, Bessemer City; 1929, leave of absence; 1930, '31, '32, Ararat Circuit; 1933, '34, '35, '36, Zion Circuit; 1937, '38, Wilkesboro. (27).
- W. G. Warren—received, 1910; received again, 1919; full member, 1924; deacon, 1909; elder, 1927. Served several years as supply. 1919, '20, Pisgah; 1921, '22, Zion; 1923, '24, Asheville Circuit; 1925, '26, '27, Clyde; 1928, Etowah; 1929, supernumerary; 1930, Bakersville; 1931, Sylva; 1932, leave of absence; 1933, '34, Etowah; 1935, retired. (12).
- A. W. Wellons—b. 1915; received, 1937. (1936), Boone Circuit; 1937, '38, Bessemer City. (1).
- C. M. White—b. 1880; received, 1912; full member, 1914; deacon, 1912; elder, 1916. 1912, '13, '14, '15, '16, Statesville; 1917, Misenheimer; 1918, '19, '20, '21, Kannapolis; 1922, '23, '24, Newton; 1925, '26, '27, Morehead City; 1928, '29, '30, '31, '32, '33, Asheville District; 1934, '35, Canton; 1936, '37, '38, Pisgah Circuit. (26).
- D. J. White—b. 1862; received, 1906; full member, 1908; deacon, 1908; elder, 1915. (1905), '06, '07, '08, Wilkesboro; 1909, '10, '11, Yadkin; 1912, Ararat; 1913, '14, Elkin; 1915, Roaring Gap; 1916, '17, '18, '19, Traphill; 1920, '21, '22, '23, Thurmond; 1924, '25, Harmony Circuit; 1926, '27, Mountain Grove; 1928, '29, '30, Wilkesboro; 1931, Traphill; 1932, retired. (26).
- C. J. Winslow—b. 1899; received, 1926; full member, 1931; deacon, 1929; elder, 1932. 1926, Macon-Sylva; 1927, Ocracoke; 1928, Harkers Island; 1929, Hatteras; 1930, '31, '32, '33, Asheville Circuit; 1934, Bessemer City; 1935, '36, '37, Bessemer City Circuit; 1938, Walkertown. (9).

- J. J. Wood**—b. 1882; received, Georgia, 1923; full member, 1926; deacon, 1926, elder, 1930. 1923, Hemphill Avenue, Atlanta; 1924, '25, Epworth; 1926, Tallapoosa; 1927, transferred to Blue Ridge-Atlantic; 1927, Bakersville; 1928, Culberson-Unaka; 1929, Culberson-Unaka and Hayesville; 1930, '31, '32, Ocracoke; 1933, '34, '35, '36, '37, Walkertown; 1938, Marion. (11).
- C. K. Wright**—b. 1907; received, Alabama, 1934; full member, 1936; deacon, 1936; elder, 1938. 1935, transferred to Blue Ridge-Atlantic; 1935, Marshallberg; 1936, Troy; 1937, '38, with Methodist Episcopal Church, South. (3).
- J. F. Wyatt**—b. 1892; received, 1931; full member, 1937; deacon, 1937; elder, 1938. (1929, '30), Misenheimer; 1931, '32, Winston-Salem; 1933, '34, Portsmouth, Virginia; 1935, without appointment for school; 1936, '37, Marion; 1938, Canton. (3).

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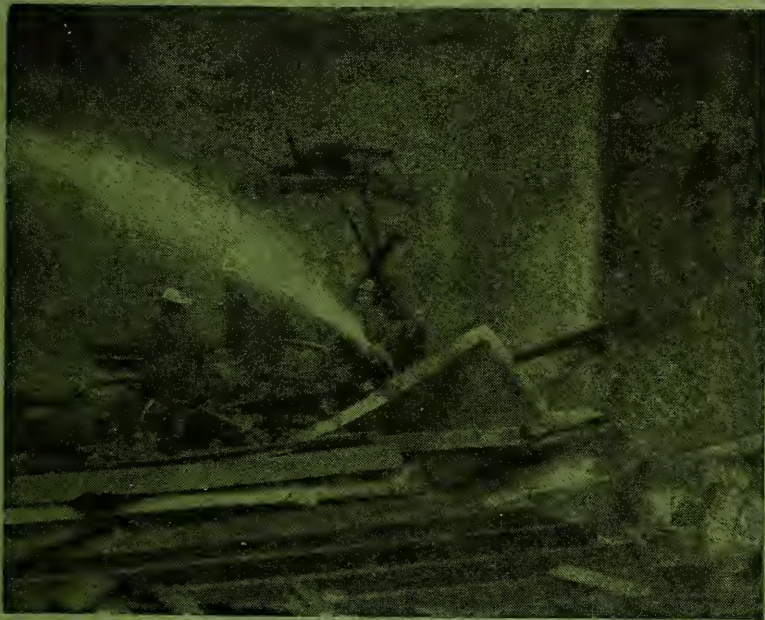
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